

# RUBY

## #3 Methods and Classes

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# Ruby is not a small language

- Methods belong to libraries
- Number of various standard libraries that come with Ruby 1.8 = **98**
- Number of methods that come with Ruby is currently **9000++**
- These methods are documented in RDoc, available at <http://www.ruby-doc.org>
- **ri** is a local command line viewer of RDoc

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C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic>ri --help
ri v1.0.1 - 20041108

Usage:
  ri [options] [names...]

Display information on Ruby classes, modules, and methods.
Give the names of classes or methods to see their documentation.
Partial names may be given: if the names match more than
one entity, a list will be shown, otherwise details on
that entity will be displayed.

Nested classes and modules can be specified using the normal
Name::Name notation, and instance methods can be distinguished
from class methods using "." (or "#") instead of "::".

For example:

  ri File
  ri File.new
  ri F.n
  ri zip

Note that shell quoting may be required for method names
containing punctuation:

  ri 'Array.[]'
  ri compact\!

By default ri searches for documentation in the following
directories:

  c:/ruby/share/ri/1.8/system
  c:/ruby/share/ri/1.8/site
  C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic\.rdoc
  c:/ruby/lib/ruby/gems/1.8/doc/*/ri

Specifying the --system, --site, --home, --gems or --doc-dir
options will limit ri to searching only the specified
directories.
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Options:

  --help, -h    you're looking at it

  --classes, -c  Display the names of classes and modules we
                  know about

  --doc-dir, -d <dirname>
                  A directory to search for documentation. If not
                  specified, we search the standard rdoc/ri directories.
                  May be repeated.

  --system      Include documentation from Ruby's standard library:
                  c:/ruby/share/ri/1.8/system

  --site        Include documentation from libraries installed in site_lib:
                  c:/ruby/share/ri/1.8/site

  --home        Include documentation stored in ~/.rdoc:
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  --gems        Include documentation from Rubygems:
                  c:/ruby/lib/ruby/gems/1.8/doc/*/ri

  --format, -f <name>
                  Format to use when displaying output:
                  ansi, bs, html, plain, simple
                  Use 'bs' (backspace) with most pager programs.
                  To use ANSI, either also use the -T option, or
                  tell your pager to allow control characters
                  (for example using the -R option to less)

--list-names, -l List all the names known to RDoc, one per line

--no-pager, -T   Send output directly to stdout.

  --width, -w output width
                  Set the width of the output

  --version, -v  Display the version of ri

Options may also be passed in the 'RI' environment variable

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# Using **ri -c** to find all classes

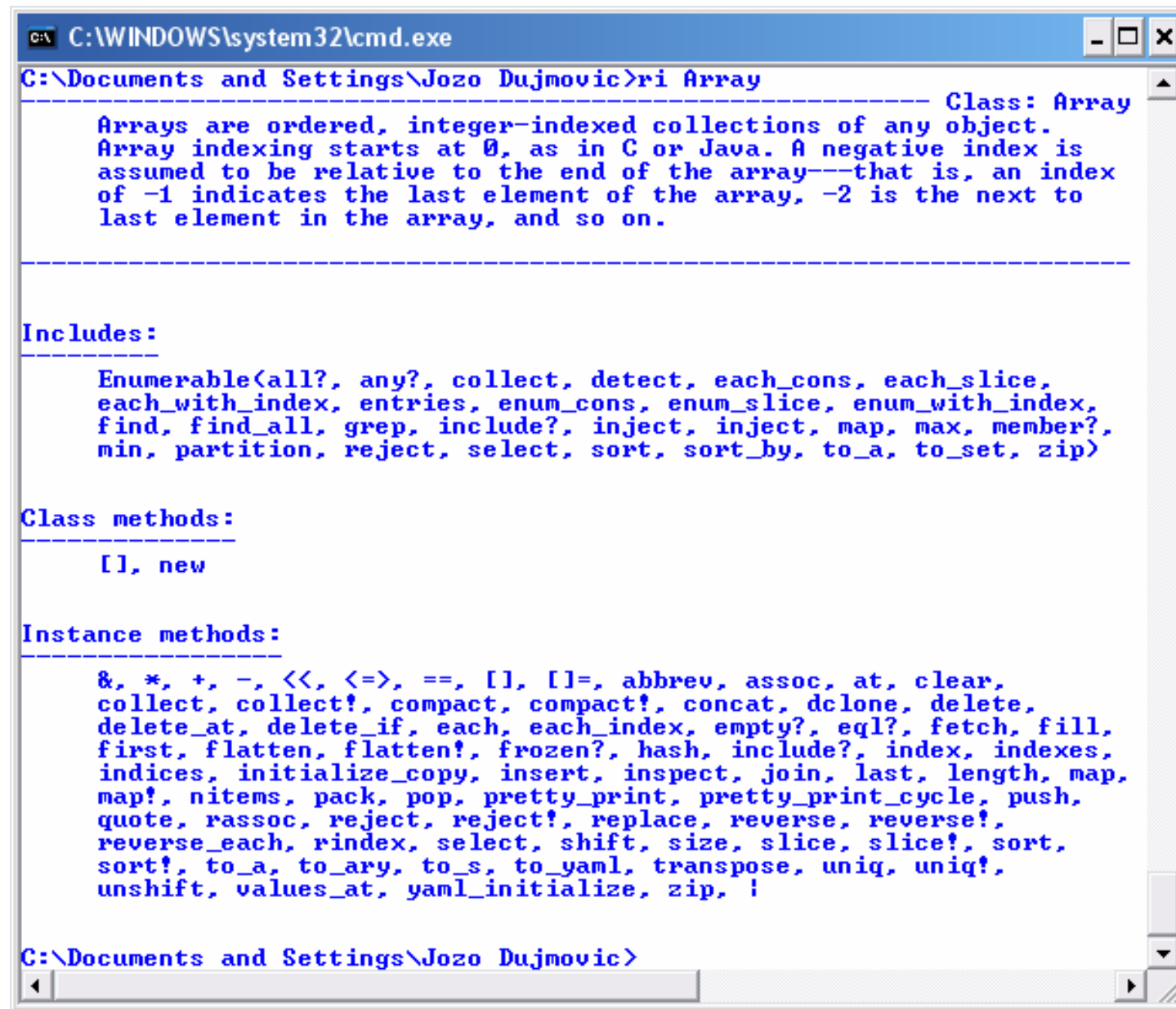
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Known classes and modules

ACL, ACL::ACLEntry, ACL::ACList, Abbrev, Acceptables,
AmbiguousArgument, AmbiguousOption, Arguable, ArgumentError, Array,
Base64, Base64::Deprecated, BasicSocket, Benchmark, Benchmark::Job,
Benchmark::Report, Benchmark::Tms, Bignum, Binding, CGI,
CGI::Cookie, CGI::Html3, CGI::Html4, CGI::Html4Fr, CGI::Html4Tr,
CGI::HtmlExtension, CGI::QueryExtension,
CGI::QueryExtension::Value, CGI::Session, CGI::Session::FileStore,
CGI::Session::MemoryStore, CGI::Session::NoSession, CGI::TagMaker,
CSU, CSU::BasicWriter, CSU::Cell, CSU::IOBuf, CSU::IOReader,
CSU::IllegalFormatError, CSU::Reader, CSU::Row, CSU::StreamBuf,
CSU::StringReader, CSU::Writer, Class, Comparable, CompletingHash,
Complex, CompositePublisher, ConditionVariable, Config,
Continuation, DEBUGGER, DEBUGGER::Context, DEBUGGER::Mutex,
DOT, DOT::DOTDigraph, DOT::DOTEdge, DOT::DOTElement, DOT::DOTNode,
DOT::DOTPort, DOT::DOTSimpleElement, DOT::DOTSubgraph, DRb,
DRb::DRbArray, DRb::DRbBadScheme, DRb::DRbBadURI, DRb::DRbConn,
DRb::DRbConnError, DRb::DRbError, DRb::DRbIdConv, DRb::DRbMessage,
DRb::DRbObject, DRb::DRbObservable, DRb::DRbProtocol,
DRb::DRbRemoteError, DRb::DRbSSLSocket,
DRb::DRbSSLSocket::SSLConfig, DRb::DRbServer,
DRb::DRbServer::InvokeMethod, DRb::DRbServer::InvokeMethod18Mixin,
DRb::DRbServerNotFound, DRb::DRbTCPSocket, DRb::DRbUNIXSocket,
DRb::DRbURIOption, DRb::DRbUndumped, DRb::DRbUnknown,
DRb::DRbUnknownError, DRb::ExtServ, DRb::ExtServManager, DRb::GW,
DRb::GWIdConv, DRb::TimerIdConv, DRb::TimerIdConv::TimerHolder2,
DRb::TimerIdConv::TimerHolder2::InvalidIndexError, Data, Date,
Date::Format, Date::Format::Bag, Date::Infinity, DateTime,
DefaultDisplay, Delegator, Dir, EOFError, ERB, ERB::Compiler,
ERB::Compiler::Buffer, ERB::Compiler::ExplicitScanner,
ERB::Compiler::PercentLine, ERB::Compiler::PercentScanner,
ERB::Compiler::Scanner, ERB::Compiler::SimpleScanner,
ERB::Compiler::SimpleScanner2, ERB::Compiler::TrimScanner,
ERB::DefMethod, ERB::Util, Enumerable, Enumerable::Enumerator,
Errno, Errno::ECONNABORTED, Errno::ECONNRESET, Errno::EPROTO,
Exception, Exception2MessageMapper, Exception2MessageMapper::E2MM,
ExceptionFormMatrix, FakeSite, FalseClass, File, File::Constants,
File::Stat, FileTest, FileUtils, FileUtils::DryRun,
FileUtils::Entry, FileUtils::NoWrite, FileUtils::StreamUtils,
FileUtils::Verbose, Fill, Finalizer, Find, Fixnum, Float,
FloatDomainError, Foo, Forwardable, Fox, Fox::FTNonModal,
Fox::FX4Splitter, Fox::FX7Segment, Fox::FXAccelTable, Fox::FXApp,
Fox::FXArc, Fox::FXArrowButton, Fox::FXBMPIcon, Fox::FXBMPImage,
Fox::FXBitmap, Fox::FXBitmapFrame, Fox::FXBitmapView,
Fox::FXButton, Fox::FXCURCursor, Fox::FXCalendar, Fox::FXCanvas,
Fox::FXCheckButton, Fox::FXChoiceBox, Fox::FXColor,
Fox::FXColorBar, Fox::FXColorDialog, Fox::FXColorItem,
Fox::FXColorList, Fox::FXColorRing, Fox::FXColorSelector,
Fox::FXColorWell, Fox::FXColorWheel, Fox::FXComboBox,
Fox::FXComboTableItem, Fox::FXCommand, Fox::FXComposite,
Fox::FXCursor, Fox::FXDC, Fox::FXDCPrint, Fox::FXDCWindow,
Fox::FXDataTarget, Fox::FXDebugTarget, Fox::FXDelegator,
Fox::FXDialog, Fox::FXDialogBox, Fox::FXDict, Fox::FXDirBox,
Fox::FXDirDialog, Fox::FXDirItem, Fox::FXDirList,
Fox::FXDirSelector, Fox::FXDockBar, Fox::FXDockHandler,
Fox::FXDockSite, Fox::FXDockTitle, Fox::FXDocument,
Fox::FXDragCorner, Fox::FXDrawable, Fox::FXDriveBox, Fox::FXEvent,
Fox::FXExtndt, Fox::FXExtntf, Fox::FXFileAssoc,
Fox::FXFileDialog, Fox::FXFileDict, Fox::FXFileItem,
Fox::FXFileList, Fox::FXFileSelector, Fox::FXFileStream,
Fox::FXFoldingItem, Fox::FXFoldingList, Fox::FXFont,
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# Using ri ClassName



```
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C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic>ri Array

----- Class: Array
Arrays are ordered, integer-indexed collections of any object.
Array indexing starts at 0, as in C or Java. A negative index is
assumed to be relative to the end of the array---that is, an index
of -1 indicates the last element of the array, -2 is the next to
last element in the array, and so on.

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Includes:

Enumerable(all?, any?, collect, detect, each_cons, each_slice,
each_with_index, entries, enum_cons, enum_slice, enum_with_index,
find, find_all, grep, include?, inject, inject, map, max, member?,
min, partition, reject, select, sort, sort_by, to_a, to_set, zip)

Class methods:

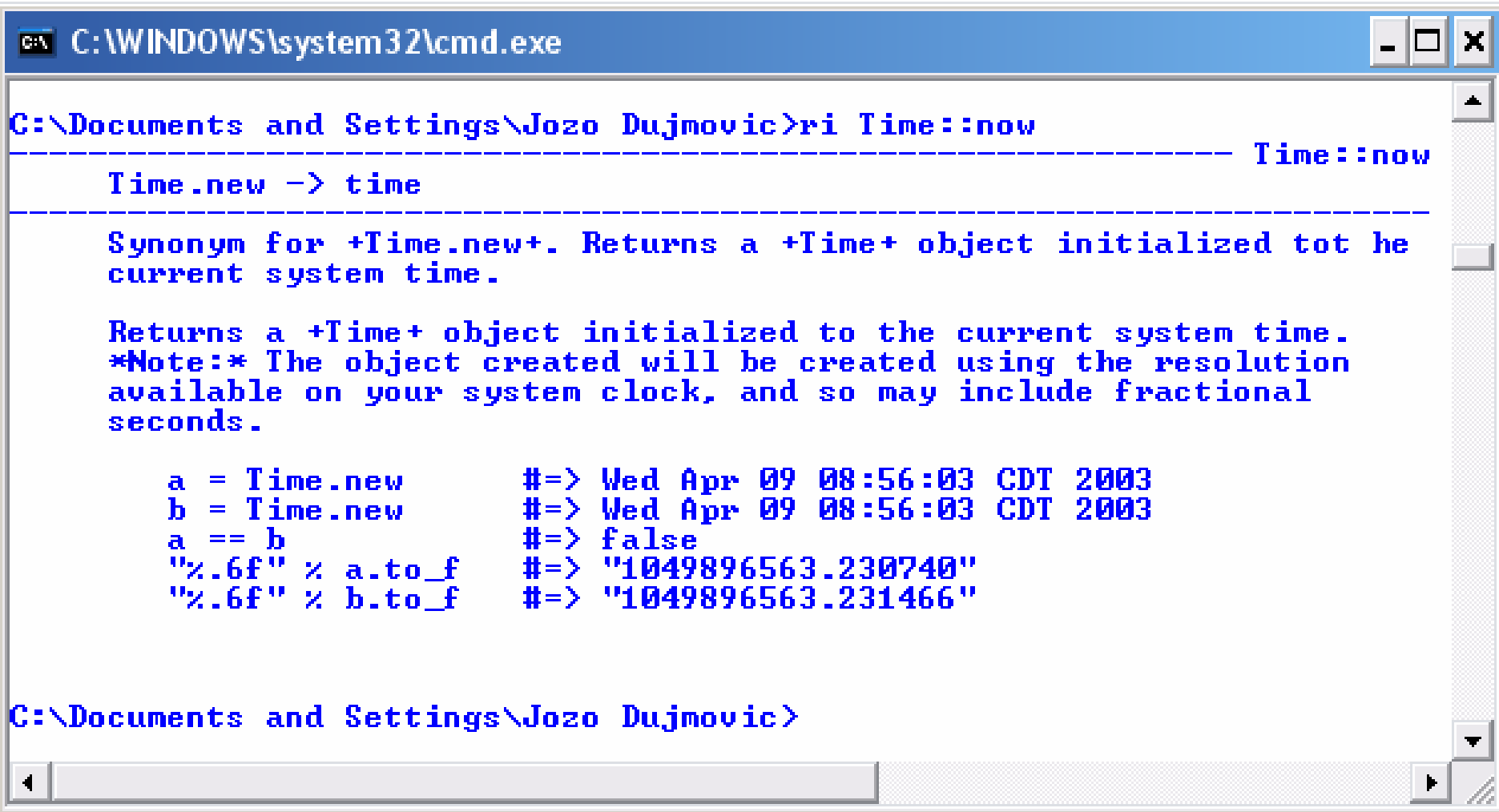
[], new

Instance methods:

&, *, +, -, <<, <=>, ==, [], []=, abbrev, assoc, at, clear,
collect, collect!, compact, compact!, concat, dclone, delete,
delete_at, delete_if, each, each_index, empty?, eql?, fetch, fill,
first, flatten, flatten!, frozen?, hash, include?, index, indexes,
indices, initialize_copy, insert, inspect, join, last, length, map,
map!, nitems, pack, pop, pretty_print, pretty_print_cycle, push,
quote, rassoc, reject, reject!, replace, reverse, reverse!,
reverse_each, rindex, select, shift, size, slice, slice!, sort,
sort!, to_a, to_ary, to_s, to_yaml, transpose, uniq, uniq!,
unshift, values_at, yaml_initialize, zip, !

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# Using ri to find specific method



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C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic>ri Time::now
----- Time::now
Time.new -> time
-----

Synonym for +Time.new+. Returns a +Time+ object initialized tot he
current system time.

Returns a +Time+ object initialized to the current system time.
*Note:* The object created will be created using the resolution
available on your system clock, and so may include fractional
seconds.

a = Time.new      #=> Wed Apr 09 08:56:03 CDT 2003
b = Time.new      #=> Wed Apr 09 08:56:03 CDT 2003
a == b           #=> false
"%0.6f" % a.to_f  #=> "1049896563.230740"
"%0.6f" % b.to_f  #=> "1049896563.231466"

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C:\Documents and Settings\jozo&gt;ri Array.new

----- Array::new

```
Array.new(size=0, obj=nil)
Array.new(array)
Array.new(size) { |index| block }
```

Returns a new array. In the first form, the new array is empty. In the second it is created with `_size_` copies of `_obj_` (that is, `_size_` references to the same `_obj_`). The third form creates a copy of the array passed as a parameter (the array is generated by calling to `_ary_` on the parameter). In the last form, an array of the given size is created. Each element in this array is calculated by passing the element's index to the given block and storing the return value.

```
Array.new
Array.new(2)
Array.new(5, "A")
```

```
# only one copy of the object is created
```

```
a = Array.new(2, Hash.new)
a[0]['cat'] = 'feline'
a
a[1]['cat'] = 'Felix'
a
```

```
# here multiple copies are created
```

```
a = Array.new(2) { Hash.new }
a[0]['cat'] = 'feline'
a
```

```
squares = Array.new(5) { |i| i*i }
squares
```

```
copy = Array.new(squares)
```





```
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C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic>ri benchmark

----- Benchmark#benchmark
benchmark(caption = "", label_width = nil, fmtstr = nil, *labels)
{!report! ...}

-----

Invokes the block with a +Benchmark::Report+ object, which may be
used to collect and report on the results of individual benchmark
tests. Reserves _label_width_ leading spaces for labels on each
line. Prints _caption_ at the top of the report, and uses _fmt_ to
format each line. If the block returns an array of +Benchmark::Tms+
objects, these will be used to format additional lines of output.
If _label_ parameters are given, these are used to label these
extra lines.

_Note_: Other methods provide a simpler interface to this one, and
are suitable for nearly all benchmarking requirements. See the
examples in Benchmark, and the #bm and #bmbm methods.

Example:

    require 'benchmark'
    include Benchmark          # we need the CAPTION and FMTSTR constants

    n = 50000
    Benchmark.benchmark(" "*7 + CAPTION, 7, FMTSTR, ">total:", ">avg:") do |x|
      tf = x.report("for:") { for i in 1..n; a = "1"; end }
      tt = x.report("times:") { n.times do ; a = "1"; end }
      tu = x.report("upto:") { 1.upto(n) do ; a = "1"; end }
      [tf+tt+tu, (tf+tt+tu)/3]
    end

    _Generates:_

      user      system      total      real
for:    1.016667    0.016667    1.033333 <  0.485749
times:  1.450000    0.016667    1.466667 <  0.681367
upto:   1.533333    0.000000    1.533333 <  0.722166
>total: 4.000000    0.033333    4.033333 <  1.889282
>avg:   1.333333    0.011111    1.344444 <  0.629761

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# Methods

- Method is a named collection of statements that can be called repeatedly
- Method can be defined (using keyword `def`) and undefined (using keyword `undef`)
- Methods return the last expression that is evaluated
- Methods can use the `return` statement to return a value
- Methods are sometimes used only for side effects

```
1  - def hello
2      puts "Hi! "
3  end
4
5  hello
6
7  - def rep(w,n)
8      puts w*n
9  end
10
11  rep("Hi! ",3)
12  rep(3,4)
13
14  undef hello
15  hello
16
```

>ruby method1.rb  
method1.rb:15: undefined local variable or method `hello' for main:Object (NameError)  
Hi!  
Hi! Hi! Hi!  
12  
>Exit code: 1

# Methods - syntax

- Method is inserted inside def – end
- Method name normally starts with a lowercase letter. The trailing letter can be '?' (used for recognizers), '!' (dangerous), or '=' (used for class instance setters)

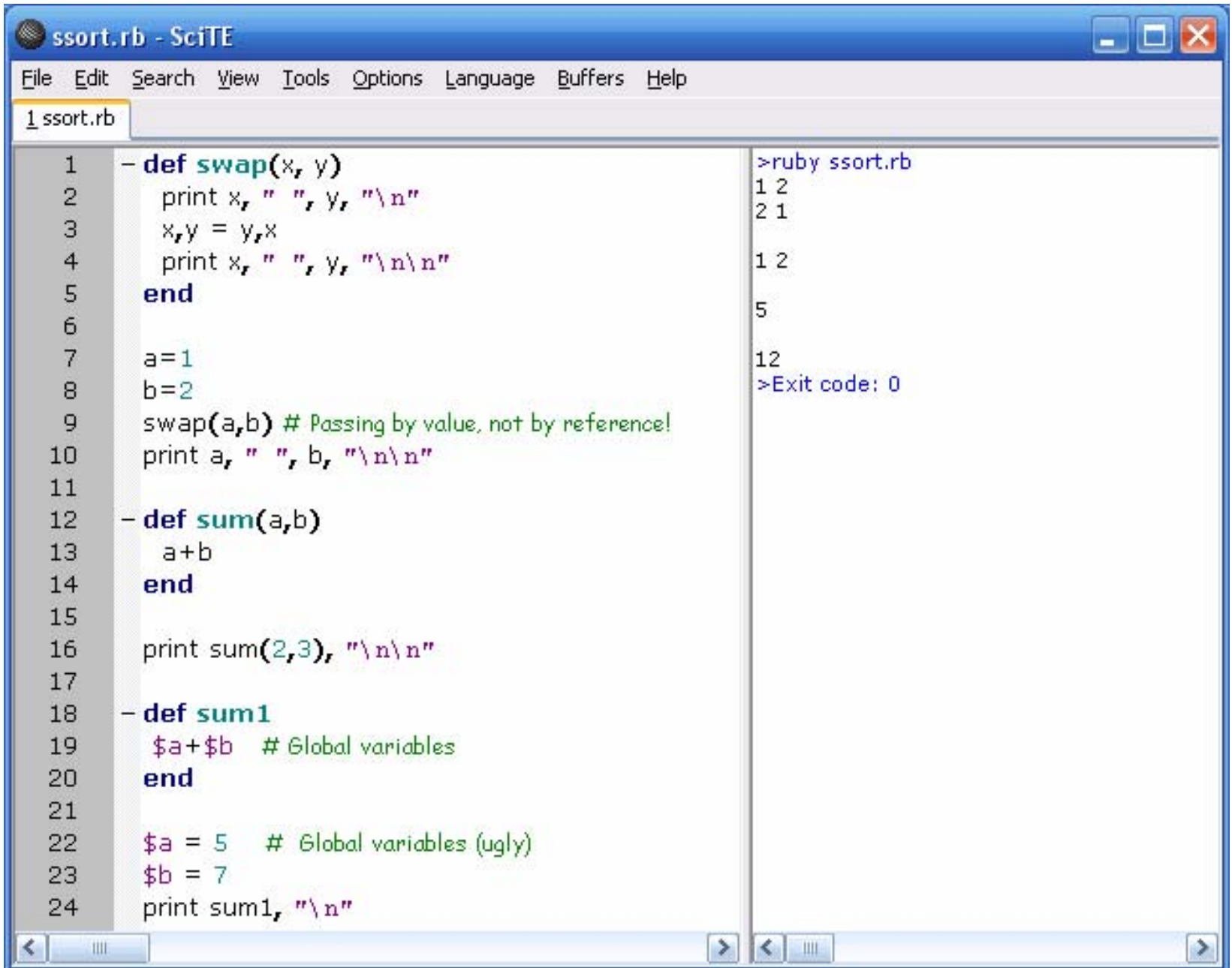
- Syntax:

```
def <method name> [ [( ] <arg1>, ..., <argn> [ ) ] ]  
  <statements>  
end
```

- Simple arguments are local variables of the method (must be lowercase); their scope is within the method

# Convention about parentheses

- Parentheses are optional. If there are local arguments it is suitable (because of notation in math and other languages) to use parentheses
- If there are no arguments the empty parentheses ( ) can be omitted



```
1  - def swap(x, y)
2      print x, " ", y, "\n"
3      x, y = y, x
4      print x, " ", y, "\n\n"
5  end
6
7  a=1
8  b=2
9  swap(a,b) # Passing by value, not by reference!
10 print a, " ", b, "\n\n"
11
12 - def sum(a,b)
13     a+b
14 end
15
16 print sum(2,3), "\n\n"
17
18 - def sum1
19     $a+$b # Global variables
20 end
21
22 $a = 5   # Global variables (ugly)
23 $b = 7
24 print sum1, "\n"
```

```
>ruby ssort.rb
1 2
2 1

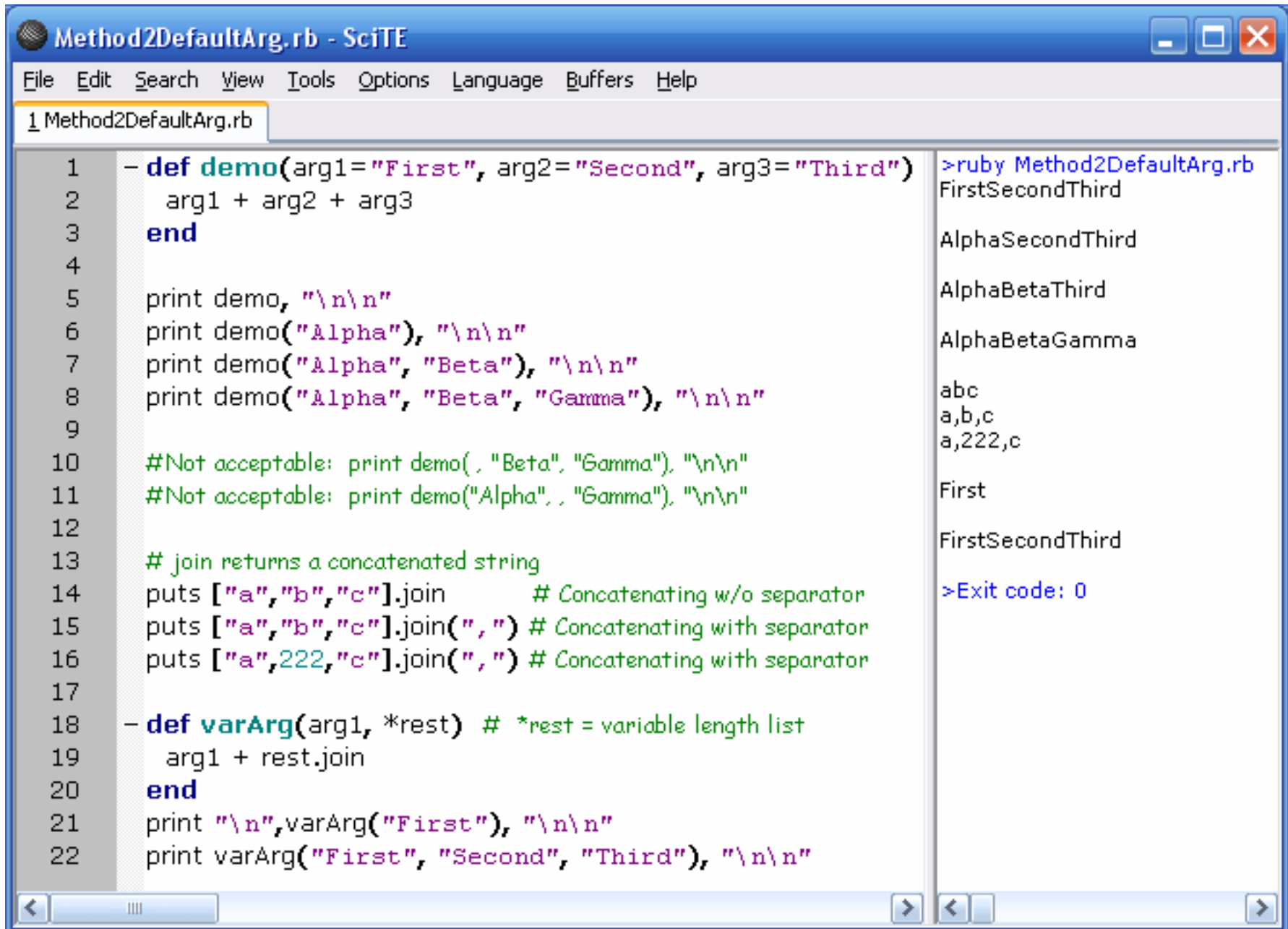
1 2

5

12
>Exit code: 0
```

# Default values of method arguments

- Ruby permits the use of default values of method arguments
- Default values are used if the user does not provide the values of arguments
- The list of arguments can have variable length



```
1 - def demo(arg1="First", arg2="Second", arg3="Third")
2   arg1 + arg2 + arg3
3 end
4
5 print demo, "\n\n"
6 print demo("Alpha"), "\n\n"
7 print demo("Alpha", "Beta"), "\n\n"
8 print demo("Alpha", "Beta", "Gamma"), "\n\n"
9
10 #Not acceptable: print demo(, "Beta", "Gamma"), "\n\n"
11 #Not acceptable: print demo("Alpha",, "Gamma"), "\n\n"
12
13 # join returns a concatenated string
14 puts ["a","b","c"].join      # Concatenating w/o separator
15 puts ["a","b","c"].join(",") # Concatenating with separator
16 puts ["a",222,"c"].join(",") # Concatenating with separator
17
18 - def varArg(arg1, *rest) # *rest = variable length list
19   arg1 + rest.join
20 end
21 print "\n",varArg("First"), "\n\n"
22 print varArg("First", "Second", "Third"), "\n\n"
```

>ruby Method2DefaultArg.rb  
FirstSecondThird  
  
AlphaSecondThird  
  
AlphaBetaThird  
  
AlphaBetaGamma  
  
abc  
a,b,c  
a,222,c  
  
First  
  
FirstSecondThird  
  
>Exit code: 0



# Return values

- Every method returns a value
- The returned value may or may not be used
- The returned value of the method is the value of the last executed statement
- There might be one or more returned values
- Multiple returned values can be returned by  
return first, second, third
- Multiple returned values are returned in an  
array: [first, second, third]

Method3MultipleReturnValues.rb - SciTE

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1 Method3MultipleReturnValues.rb

```
1 - def return2(x, y)
2   return x+y, x*y
3 end
4
5 puts return2(7, 3) ; puts
6
7 result=return2(7,3) # result is an array
8 puts result[1] ; puts
9
10 - def qe(a,b,c)
11   x1 = (-b + Math::sqrt(b**2-4*a*c))/(2*a)
12   x2 = (-b - Math::sqrt(b**2-4*a*c))/(2*a)
13   return x1, x2
14 end
15
16 puts "Solving x**2 - 3x + 2 = 0"
17 x1, x2 = qe(1, -3, 2)
18 puts "x1 = #{x1}      x2 = #{x2}"
```

```
>ruby Method3MultipleReturnValues.rb
10
21

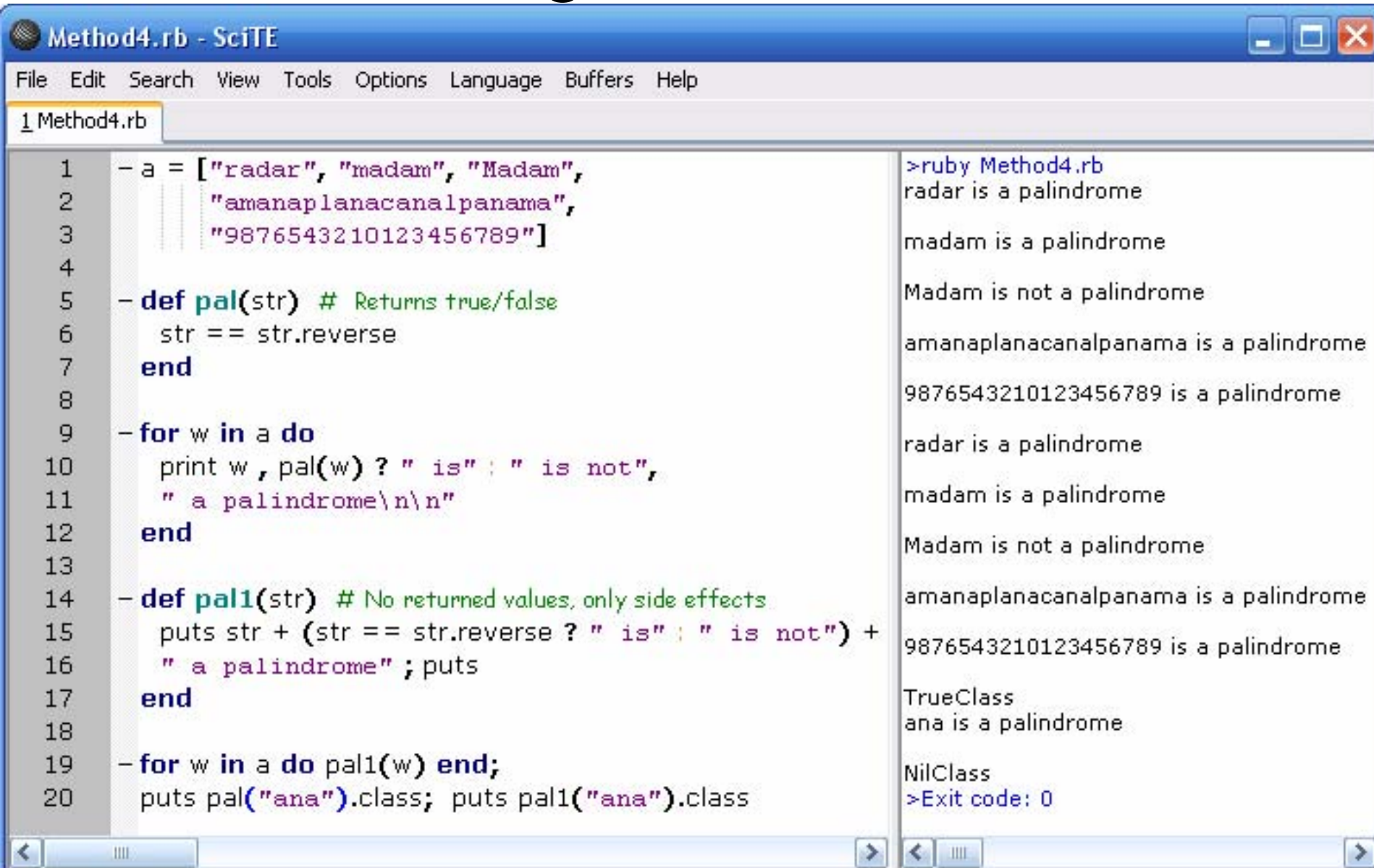
21

x1 = 2.0  x2 = 1.0
>Exit code: 0
>ruby Method3MultipleReturnValues.rb
10
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Solving x**2 - 3x + 2 = 0
x1 = 2.0  x2 = 1.0
>Exit code: 0
```

# Using side effects

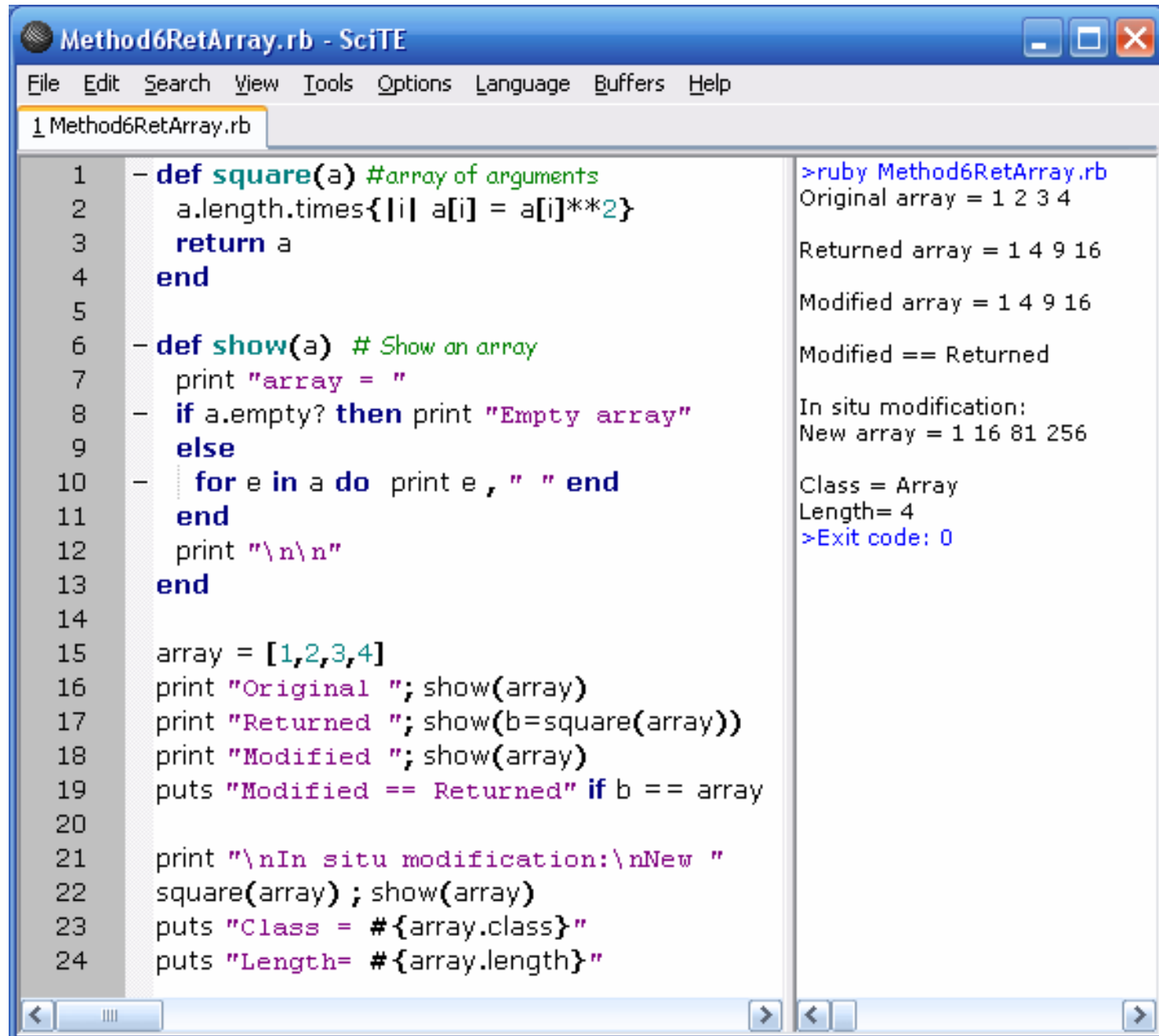


The screenshot shows a SciTE editor window with the title bar 'Method4.rb - SciTE'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Search', 'View', 'Tools', 'Options', 'Language', 'Buffers', and 'Help'. The file 'Method4.rb' is open. The editor contains two Ruby methods for checking palindromes. The first method, `pal`, returns a boolean value. The second method, `pal1`, uses `puts` to print the result and the class of the result. The output of running the script is shown in the right pane.

```
1 - a = ["radar", "madam", "Madam",  
2     |   "amanaplanacanalpanama",  
3     |   "9876543210123456789"]  
4  
5 - def pal(str) # Returns true/false  
6     str == str.reverse  
7     end  
8  
9 - for w in a do  
10     print w, pal(w) ? " is" : " is not",  
11     " a palindrome\n\n"  
12 end  
13  
14 - def pal1(str) # No returned values, only side effects  
15     puts str + (str == str.reverse ? " is" : " is not") +  
16     " a palindrome"; puts  
17 end  
18  
19 - for w in a do pal1(w) end;  
20     puts pal("ana").class; puts pal1("ana").class
```

>ruby Method4.rb  
radar is a palindrome  
  
madam is a palindrome  
  
Madam is not a palindrome  
  
amanaplanacanalpanama is a palindrome  
9876543210123456789 is a palindrome  
  
radar is a palindrome  
madam is a palindrome  
Madam is not a palindrome  
amanaplanacanalpanama is a palindrome  
9876543210123456789 is a palindrome  
  
TrueClass  
ana is a palindrome  
  
NilClass  
>Exit code: 0

Ruby  
methods  
can  
modify  
(in situ)  
and  
return  
arrays



The screenshot shows the SciTE Ruby IDE with a file named 'Method6RetArray.rb'. The editor contains a Ruby script that defines two methods, 'square' and 'show', and then demonstrates their use with an array. The 'square' method takes an array and returns a new array with each element squared. The 'show' method prints the contents of an array. The script then creates an array [1, 2, 3, 4], prints it, squares it, prints the result, and checks if the original array was modified in situ. Finally, it prints the class and length of the array.

```
1  - def square(a) #array of arguments
2      a.length.times{|i| a[i] = a[i]**2}
3      return a
4  end
5
6  - def show(a) # Show an array
7      print "array = "
8      - if a.empty? then print "Empty array"
9          else
10         - for e in a do print e , " " end
11         end
12         print "\n\n"
13     end
14
15     array = [1,2,3,4]
16     print "Original "; show(array)
17     print "Returned "; show(b=square(array))
18     print "Modified "; show(array)
19     puts "Modified == Returned" if b == array
20
21     print "\nIn situ modification:\nNew "
22     square(array) ; show(array)
23     puts "Class = #{array.class}"
24     puts "Length= #{array.length}"
```

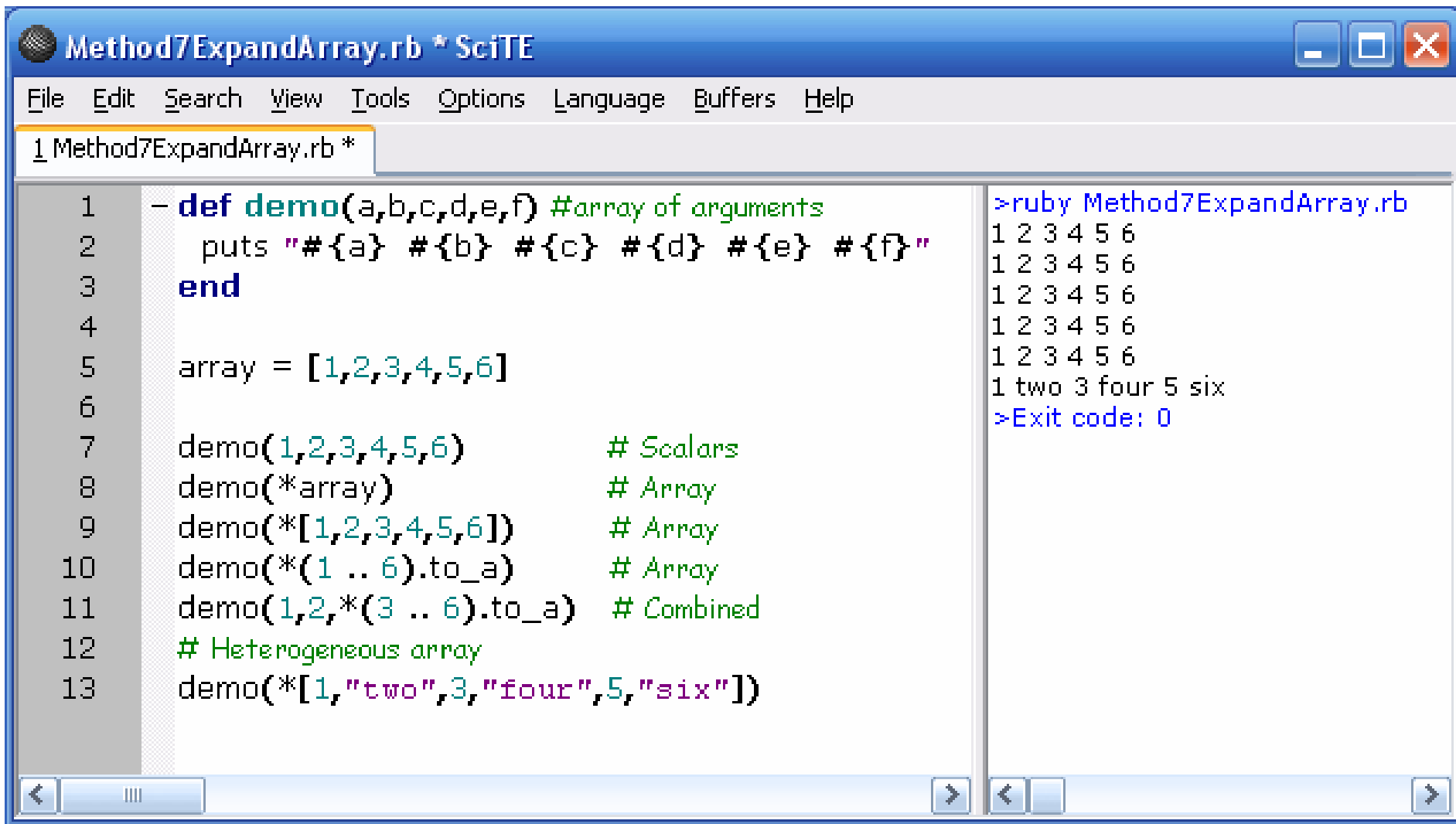
The output on the right shows the results of running the script:

```
>ruby Method6RetArray.rb
Original array = 1 2 3 4
Returned array = 1 4 9 16
Modified array = 1 4 9 16
Modified == Returned
In situ modification:
New array = 1 16 81 256
Class = Array
Length= 4
>Exit code: 0
```

# Expanding arrays in method calls

- List of scalar arguments can be replaced by arrays or their parts
- Such arguments must be prefixed by an asterisk (“splat operator”)
- The number of arguments must be correct (array cannot be larger than the original number of arguments)

# Expanding arrays

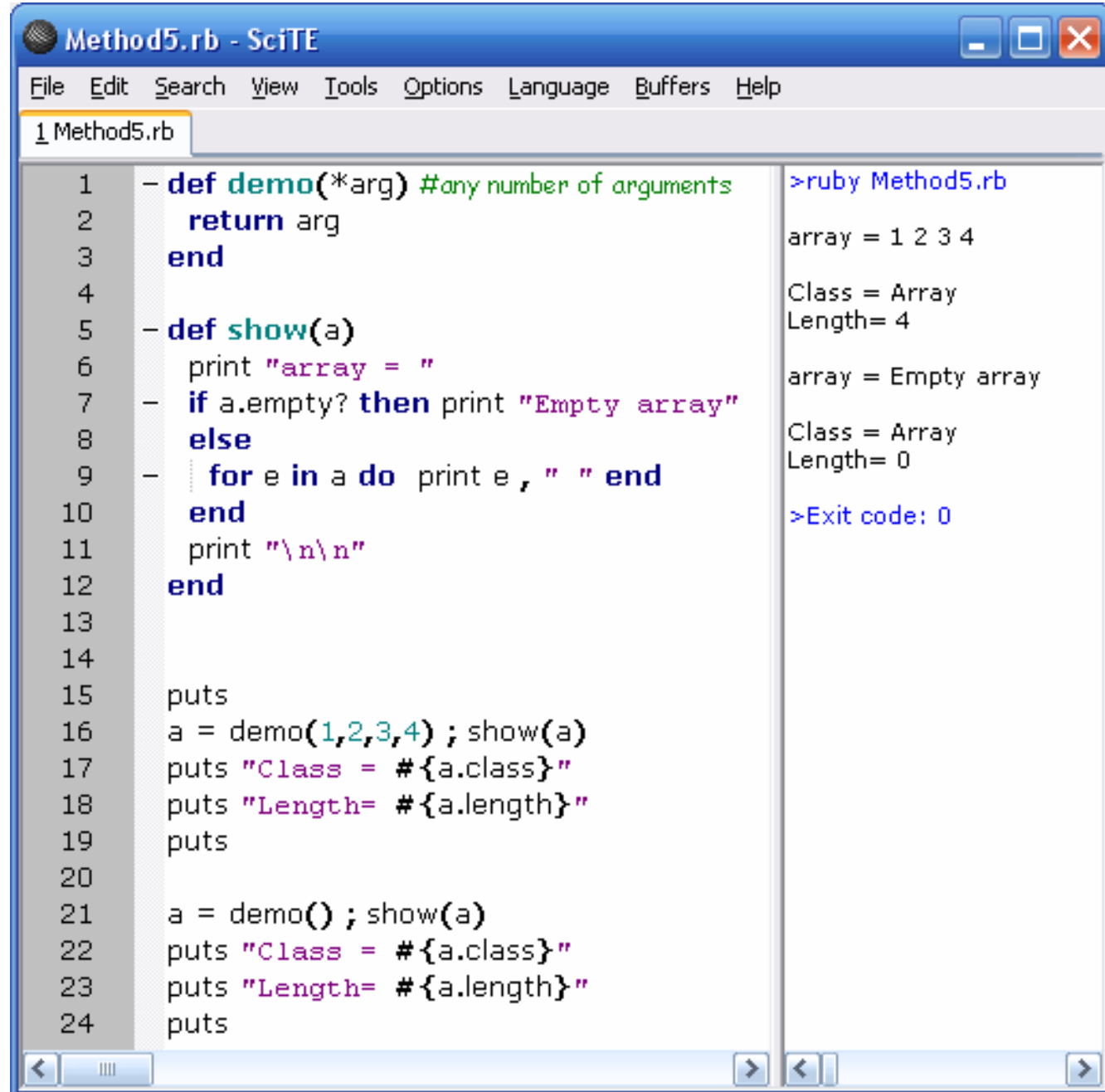


The screenshot shows a SciTE editor window titled "Method7ExpandArray.rb \* SciTE". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, Tools, Options, Language, Buffers, and Help. The editor contains a Ruby script with 13 lines of code. The script defines a `demo` method that takes six arguments and prints them using `puts`. It then creates an array `[1,2,3,4,5,6]` and calls `demo` with various argument combinations: scalars, an array, an array of arrays, an array of ranges, and a combined array of scalars and strings. The output window on the right shows the results of running the script, displaying the arguments as they were passed to the `puts` method.

```
1  - def demo(a,b,c,d,e,f) #array of arguments
2      puts "#{a} #{b} #{c} #{d} #{e} #{f}"
3  end
4
5  array = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
6
7  demo(1,2,3,4,5,6)          # Scalars
8  demo(*array)               # Array
9  demo(*[1,2,3,4,5,6])       # Array
10 demo(*(1..6).to_a)          # Array
11 demo(1,2,*(3..6).to_a)     # Combined
12 # Heterogeneous array
13 demo(*[1,"two",3,"four",5,"six"])
```

```
>ruby Method7ExpandArray.rb
1 2 3 4 5 6
1 2 3 4 5 6
1 2 3 4 5 6
1 2 3 4 5 6
1 2 3 4 5 6
1 two 3 four 5 six
>Exit code: 0
```

Method with an arbitrary number of arguments: multiple arguments are bundled into an array. A method can return an empty array



```
Method5.rb - SciTE
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1 Method5.rb
1 - def demo(*arg) #any number of arguments
2   return arg
3 end
4
5 - def show(a)
6   print "array = "
7   - if a.empty? then print "Empty array"
8   else
9   -   for e in a do print e , " " end
10  end
11  print "\n\n"
12 end
13
14
15 puts
16 a = demo(1,2,3,4) ; show(a)
17 puts "Class = #{a.class}"
18 puts "Length= #{a.length}"
19 puts
20
21 a = demo() ; show(a)
22 puts "Class = #{a.class}"
23 puts "Length= #{a.length}"
24 puts

>ruby Method5.rb
array = 1 2 3 4
Class = Array
Length= 4
array = Empty array
Class = Array
Length= 0
>Exit code: 0
```

## “Splat operator” ( \* )

It can be use to split array  
and distribute it to specific  
arguments of the method

```
Max_VarPar.rb - SciTE
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1 Max_VarPar.rb

1  # Working with an arbitrary number of arguments
2  # First is mandatory, rest is optional
3  - def max(first, *rest)
4      max=first
5      rest.each{|x| max=x if x>max}
6      max
7  end
8  - def maxmin(first, *rest)
9      max=min=first
10     rest.each{|x| max=x if x>max;
11               |min=x if x<min }
12     return max, min
13 end
14 - def max2(first, second, *rest)
15     max= first>second ? first : second
16     rest.each{|x| max=x if x>max}
17     max
18 end
19 - def headtail(head,*tail)
20     return head, tail
21 end
22
23 p max(1); p max(1,2); p max2(1,2)
24 p maxmin(4,5,6,7,8,9)
25 p max([1,2,3]) # first=[1,2,3]; rest=[ ]
26 a = [1,2,3,4]
27 p max(*a) # first=1, rest=[2,3,4]
28 p maxmin(*[5,6,7,8,9])
29 p max2(*[5,6,7,8,9])
30 p headtail(*a); p headtail(a)

>ruby Max_VarPar.rb
1
2
2
[9, 4]
[1, 2, 3]
4
[9, 5]
9
[1, [2, 3, 4]]
[[1, 2, 3, 4], []]
>Exit code: 0
```



# Class **Array** methods

- Definition: array is an ordered, integer-indexed collection of any object
- Array indexing starts at 0
- Ruby uses circular indexing `a[-1]` = last element of array, `a[-2]` = element before `a[-1]`
- Array elements can have different data types
- Example of an array: `["a", "b", "c", 1, 2, 3]`
- `Array` = array class name
- `Array.new` = class method that creates a new array object
- `a = Array.new` is equivalent to `a = [ ]`
- `a[int]` is object or nil
- `a[start, length]` = subarray `a[start ... start+length-1]`
- `a[p .. q]` = subarray of given range `a[p .. q]`

**MAKE  
ARRAY**

**SORT  
TEST**

**SHOW  
ARRAY**

```
Array1.rb - SciTE
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1 Array1.rb
1  - def makearray(size)
2      a=Array.new # Same as A = [ ]
3      size.times{|k| a[k]=rand(10)}
4      return a
5  end
6
7  - def sorted?(a)
8      0.upto(a.length-2) \
9      - { |i|
10     -   if a[i]>a[i+1] then
11         print "Array is not sorted!\n\n"
12         return
13     end
14     }
15     print "Array is sorted!\n\n"
16 end
17
18 - def show(a)
19     a.length.times \
20     - { |i|
21         print ' ' if a[i] < 10
22         print ' ', a[i]
23         puts if (i+1)%20 == 0
24     }
25     puts
26 end
27
28 a = makearray(200); show(a); sorted?(a)
29 a.sort!; show(a); sorted?(a)
```

```
>ruby Array1.rb
7 9 6 9 2 3 5 1 8 0 7 7 8 2 3 2 5 4 7 9
6 4 7 2 0 4 8 9 3 3 8 8 8 9 8 3 4 0 2 5
9 0 3 7 8 3 3 2 7 0 0 1 0 1 2 9 8 9 1 2
3 5 1 3 2 5 8 8 4 5 9 0 2 8 7 5 2 5 1 3
9 9 2 7 2 2 3 5 6 8 8 6 2 2 3 0 0 7 3 8
6 3 5 8 9 7 6 4 2 1 8 0 7 3 3 6 7 2 0 4
4 1 2 4 5 5 7 8 5 9 0 8 2 4 1 2 4 1 4 9
0 4 7 1 8 6 0 2 9 8 5 5 0 2 4 5 1 6 5 4
9 9 0 0 7 5 0 8 4 0 4 4 7 8 4 3 4 6 5 9
4 7 6 9 8 3 4 7 5 1 1 1 2 6 6 8 9 5 6 7

Array is not sorted!

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 4
4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 7
7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 8 8 8 8 8
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

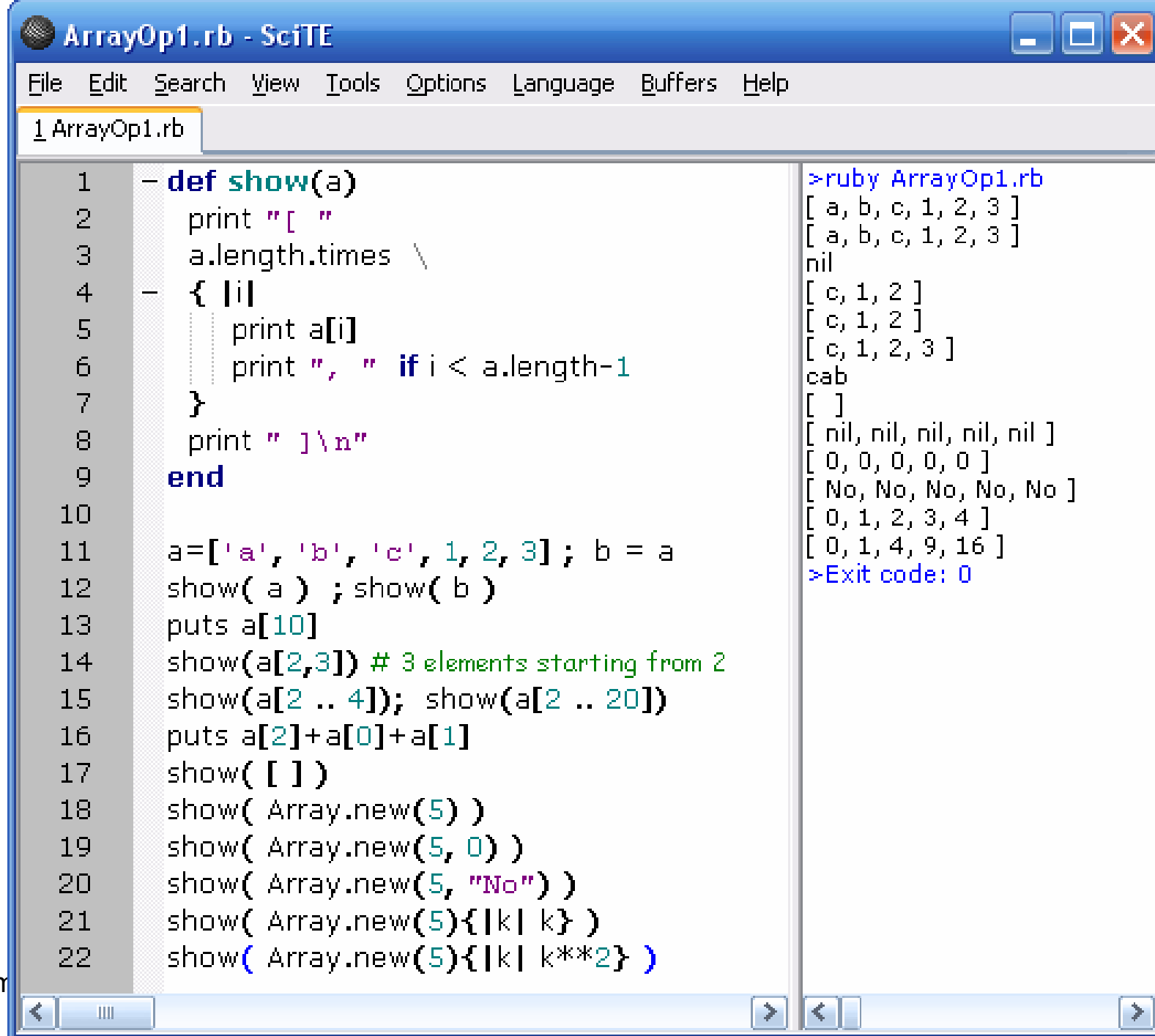
Array is sorted!

>Exit code: 0
```

**SHOW  
ARRAY  
METHOD**

**Note:**

***show(a)  
works  
similarly  
as the  
kernel  
method p***

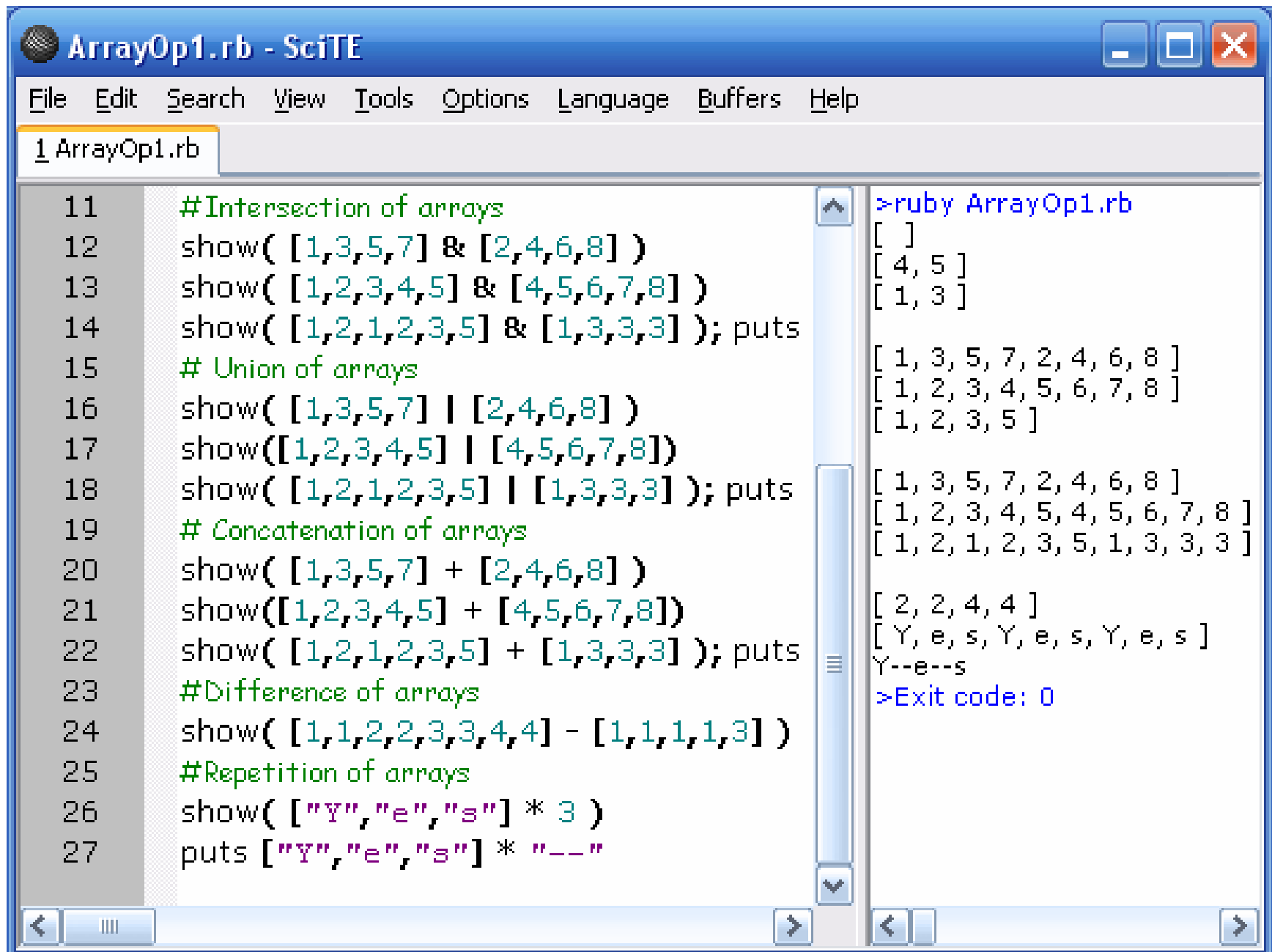


```
ArrayOp1.rb - SciTE
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1 ArrayOp1.rb
1  - def show(a)
2      print "[ "
3      a.length.times \
4      - { |i|
5          print a[i]
6          print ", " if i < a.length-1
7      }
8      print " ]\n"
9      end
10
11  a=['a', 'b', 'c', 1, 2, 3] ; b = a
12  show( a ) ; show( b )
13  puts a[10]
14  show(a[2,3]) # 3 elements starting from 2
15  show(a[2 .. 4]); show(a[2 .. 20])
16  puts a[2]+a[0]+a[1]
17  show( [ ] )
18  show( Array.new(5) )
19  show( Array.new(5, 0) )
20  show( Array.new(5, "No") )
21  show( Array.new(5){|k| k} )
22  show( Array.new(5){|k| k**2} )

>ruby ArrayOp1.rb
[ a, b, c, 1, 2, 3 ]
[ a, b, c, 1, 2, 3 ]
nil
[ c, 1, 2 ]
[ c, 1, 2 ]
[ c, 1, 2, 3 ]
cab
[ ]
[ nil, nil, nil, nil, nil ]
[ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 ]
[ No, No, No, No, No ]
[ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
[ 0, 1, 4, 9, 16 ]
>Exit code: 0
```

# Basic array instance methods

- Intersection
- Union
- Repetition
- Concatenation
- Difference
- Append
- Compare  $a \leq b$  returns -1, 0, 1 for  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$ ,  $a > b$
- Equality of arrays `==`
- Include
- Delete
- Clear
- Reverse
- First
- Each
- Sort
- transpose
- to\_a
- to\_s



The screenshot shows the SciTE Ruby IDE with a file named `ArrayOp1.rb` open. The editor contains Ruby code for array operations. The output pane on the right shows the results of running the script.

```
11  #Intersection of arrays
12  show( [1,3,5,7] & [2,4,6,8] )
13  show( [1,2,3,4,5] & [4,5,6,7,8] )
14  show( [1,2,1,2,3,5] & [1,3,3,3] ); puts
15  # Union of arrays
16  show( [1,3,5,7] | [2,4,6,8] )
17  show([1,2,3,4,5] | [4,5,6,7,8])
18  show( [1,2,1,2,3,5] | [1,3,3,3] ); puts
19  # Concatenation of arrays
20  show( [1,3,5,7] + [2,4,6,8] )
21  show([1,2,3,4,5] + [4,5,6,7,8])
22  show( [1,2,1,2,3,5] + [1,3,3,3] ); puts
23  #Difference of arrays
24  show( [1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4] - [1,1,1,1,3] )
25  #Repetition of arrays
26  show( ["Y","e","s"] * 3 )
27  puts ["Y","e","s"] * "--"
```

Execution output:

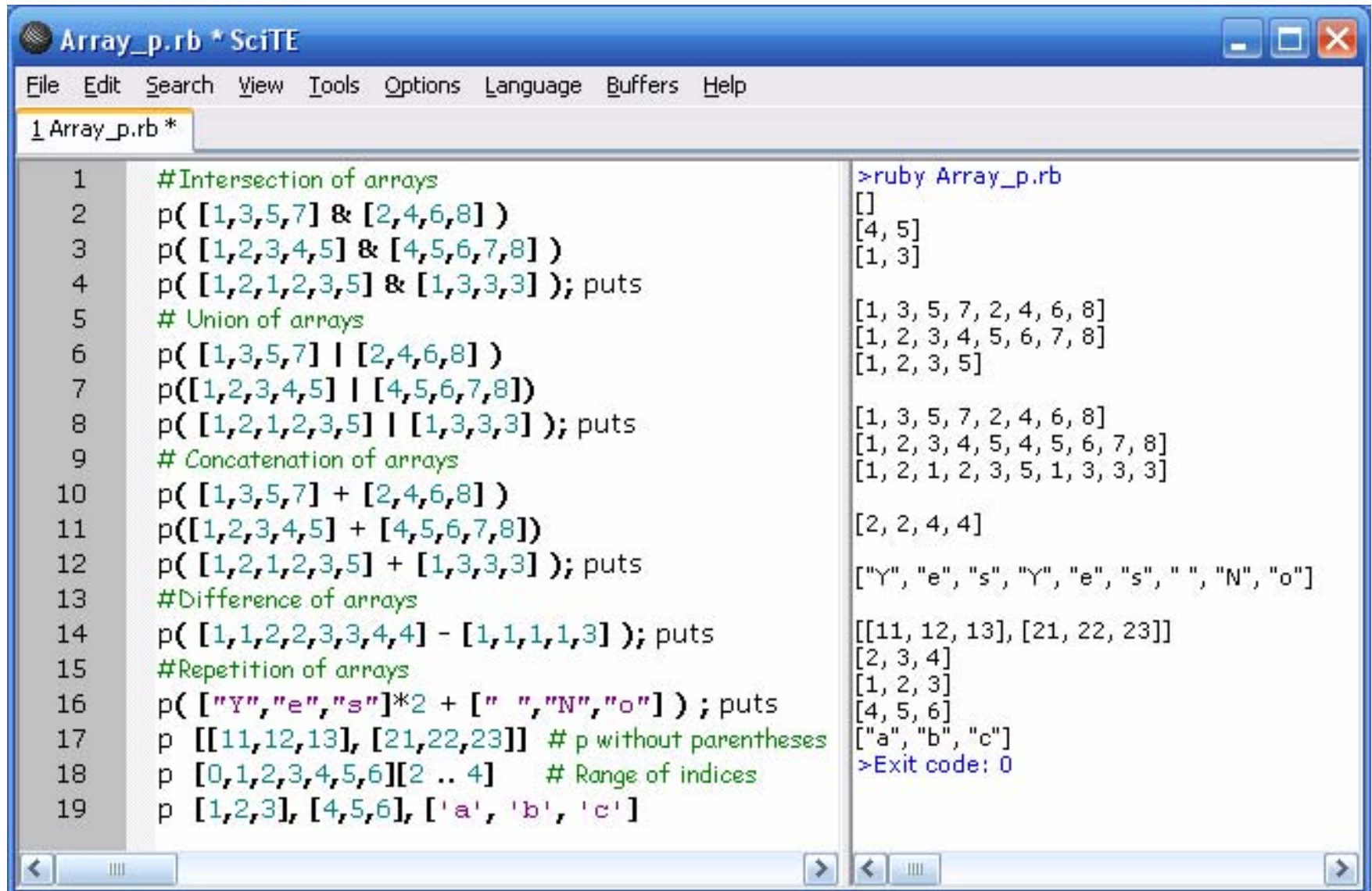
```
>ruby ArrayOp1.rb
[ ]
[ 4, 5 ]
[ 1, 3 ]

[ 1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6, 8 ]
[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 ]
[ 1, 2, 3, 5 ]

[ 1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6, 8 ]
[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 ]
[ 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 1, 3, 3, 3 ]

[ 2, 2, 4, 4 ]
[ Y, e, s, Y, e, s, Y, e, s ]
Y--e--s
>Exit code: 0
```

# Kernel method p for printing



The screenshot shows a SciTE editor window titled "Array\_p.rb \* SciTE". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, Tools, Options, Language, Buffers, and Help. The editor contains 19 lines of Ruby code. The code demonstrates various array operations: intersection (&), union (|), concatenation (+), difference (-), repetition (\*), and printing (p). Comments are used to describe each section. The output of the code is displayed in the right-hand pane, showing the results of each operation as arrays or strings.

```
1  #Intersection of arrays
2  p( [1,3,5,7] & [2,4,6,8] )
3  p( [1,2,3,4,5] & [4,5,6,7,8] )
4  p( [1,2,1,2,3,5] & [1,3,3,3] ); puts
5  # Union of arrays
6  p( [1,3,5,7] | [2,4,6,8] )
7  p([1,2,3,4,5] | [4,5,6,7,8])
8  p( [1,2,1,2,3,5] | [1,3,3,3] ); puts
9  # Concatenation of arrays
10 p( [1,3,5,7] + [2,4,6,8] )
11 p([1,2,3,4,5] + [4,5,6,7,8])
12 p( [1,2,1,2,3,5] + [1,3,3,3] ); puts
13 #Difference of arrays
14 p( [1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4] - [1,1,1,1,3] ); puts
15 #Repetition of arrays
16 p( ["Y","e","s"]*2 + [ " ", "N", "o" ] ); puts
17 p [[11,12,13], [21,22,23]] # p without parentheses
18 p [0,1,2,3,4,5,6][2..4] # Range of indices
19 p [1,2,3], [4,5,6], ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

The output of the code is as follows:

```
>ruby Array_p.rb
[]
[4, 5]
[1, 3]

[1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6, 8]
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
[1, 2, 3, 5]

[1, 3, 5, 7, 2, 4, 6, 8]
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 5, 1, 3, 3, 3]

[2, 2, 4, 4]

["Y", "e", "s", "Y", "e", "s", " ", "N", "o"]

[[11, 12, 13], [21, 22, 23]]
[2, 3, 4]
[1, 2, 3]
[4, 5, 6]
["a", "b", "c"]
>Exit code: 0
```

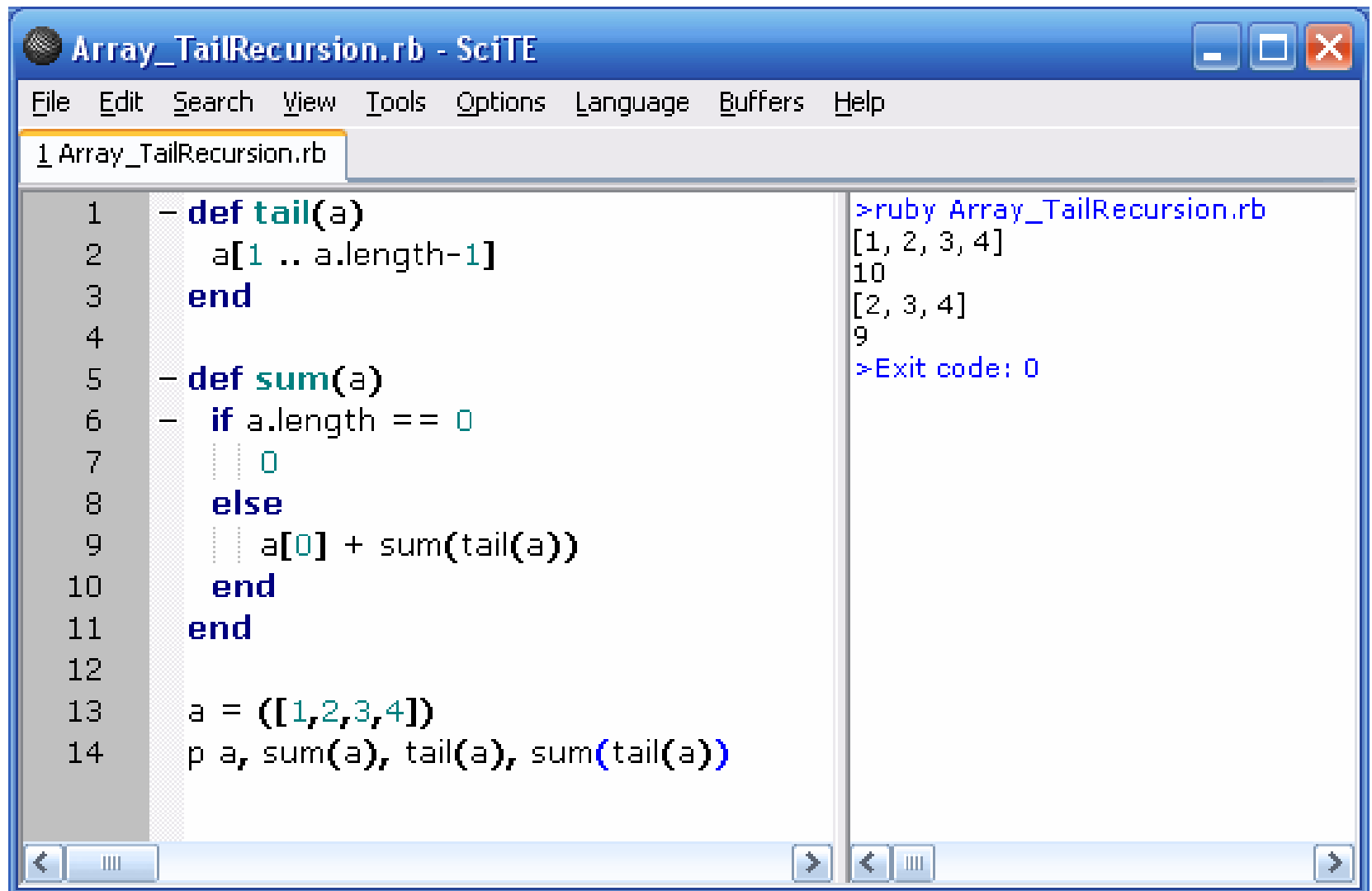


1 ArrayOp1.rb

```
30 #Append
31 show( [1, 2] << "object" )
32 show( [1, 2] << "a" << "b" << "c" )
33 # However [1, 2] << [3, 4] makes [1, 2, [3, 4]]
34 #Compare
35 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,4]
36 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,2]
37 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,3,"a"]
38 puts ["a","b"] <=> [1,2,3]
39 puts [ ] <=> [ ]
40 puts [ ] == [ ]
41 puts [1,2,3] == [1,2,3]
42 puts [1,2,3] == [3,2,1]
43 a = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
44 puts a.at(-1), a.at(-2)
45 show(a); a.delete(4) ; show(a)
46 show (a.reverse)
47 puts a.include?(3); puts a.include?(4);
48 a.each{ |x| print x, " - " } ; puts
49
```

```
[ 1, 2, object ]
[ 1, 2, a, b, c ]
-1
1
-1
nil
0
true
true
false
6
5
[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ]
[ 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 ]
[ 6, 5, 3, 2, 1 ]
true
false
1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - 6 -
>Exit code: 0
```

# Tail recursion in Ruby



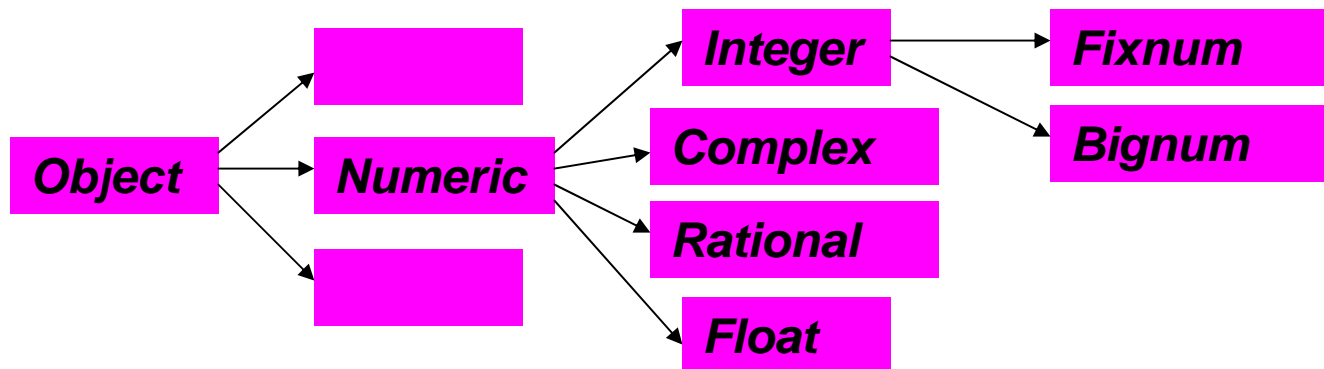
```
Array_TailRecursion.rb - SciTE
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1 Array_TailRecursion.rb
1  - def tail(a)
2    a[1 .. a.length-1]
3  end
4
5  - def sum(a)
6  -  if a.length == 0
7    |  0
8    else
9    |  a[0] + sum(tail(a))
10   end
11 end
12
13 a = ([1,2,3,4])
14 p a, sum(a), tail(a), sum(tail(a))

>ruby Array_TailRecursion.rb
[1, 2, 3, 4]
10
[2, 3, 4]
9
>Exit code: 0
```



# Classes

- Class is a container for *variables* and *methods* (“*properties*”)
- Class can inherit properties from a single parent class (no multiple inheritance)
- The base (root) class in Ruby is **Object**
- Classes are always open (it is possible to add to any class including the build-in classes)



# Classes - Syntax

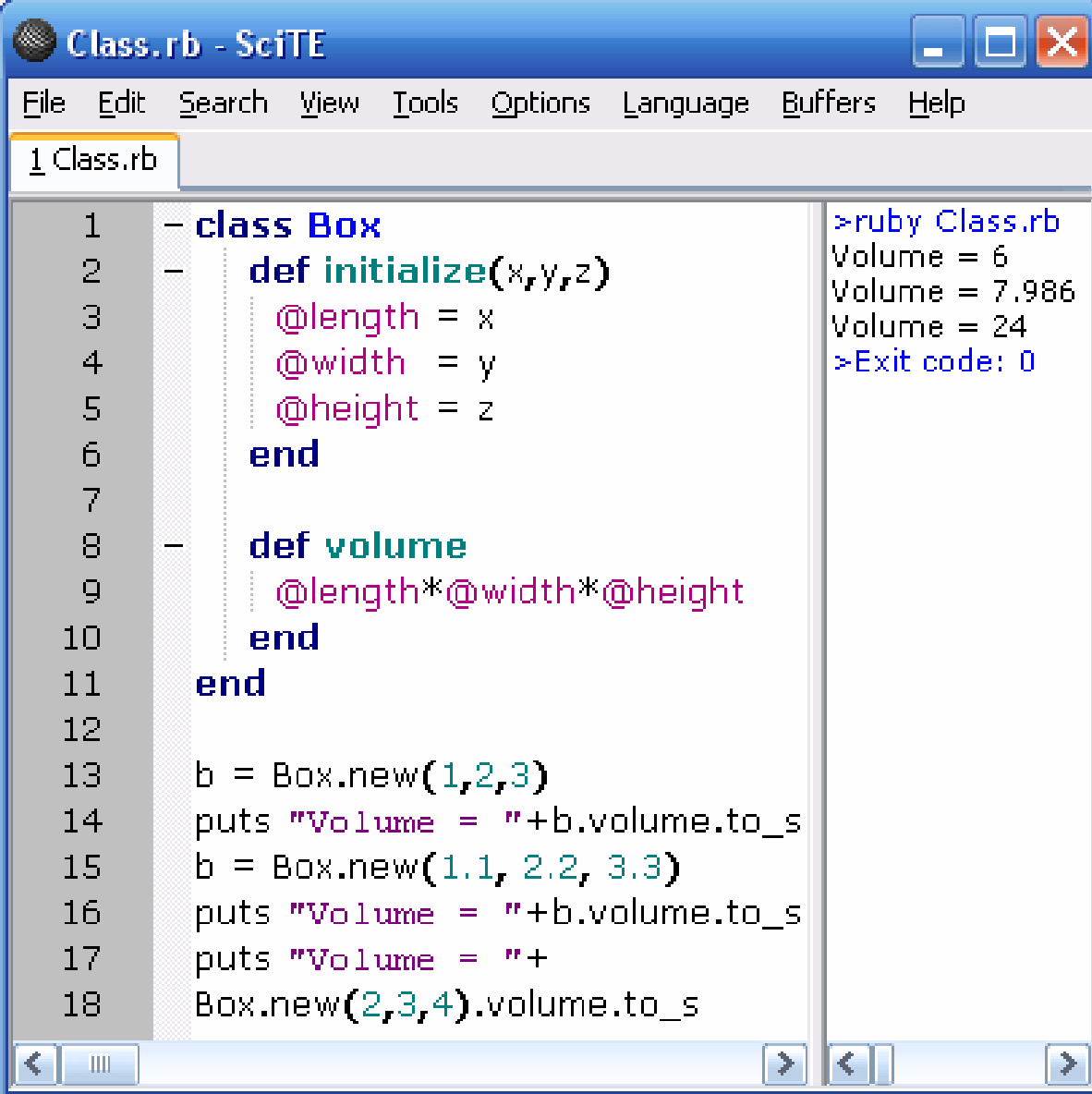
- Basic syntax:

**class** <Classname>

.....

**end**

- Classname must be CONSTANT (i.e. it must begin with a capital letter)
- @var = instance variable (private variable reachable using an accessor method)
- @@var = class variable (shared among all instances of a class)



The screenshot shows the SciTE Ruby IDE with a file named 'Class.rb'. The editor contains a Ruby class definition for 'Box' with an 'initialize' method and a 'volume' method. Below the class definition, there are four lines of code that create 'Box' objects and print their volume. The right-hand pane shows the output of running the script, which displays the volume for each object: 6, 7.986, and 24. The exit code is 0.

```
1 - class Box
2 -   def initialize(x,y,z)
3 -     @length = x
4 -     @width = y
5 -     @height = z
6 -   end
7 -
8 -   def volume
9 -     @length*@width*@height
10 -   end
11 - end
12
13 b = Box.new(1,2,3)
14 puts "Volume = "+b.volume.to_s
15 b = Box.new(1.1, 2.2, 3.3)
16 puts "Volume = "+b.volume.to_s
17 puts "Volume = "+
18 Box.new(2,3,4).volume.to_s
```

```
>ruby Class.rb
Volume = 6
Volume = 7.986
Volume = 24
>Exit code: 0
```

The instance variables `@length`, `@width`, `@height` are private attributes (descriptors) of each instance of the `Box` object.

The **initialize** method is the constructor-initializer of an instance. Its role is to reserve memory space for instance variables `@length`, `@width`, `@height`, and to instantiate their values using the `x,y,z` arguments. Initialize is activated by `Box.new(...)`.

`Box.new(1,2,3)` is a constant anonymous object (a nameless set of initialized `@length`, `@width`, `@height` instance variables).

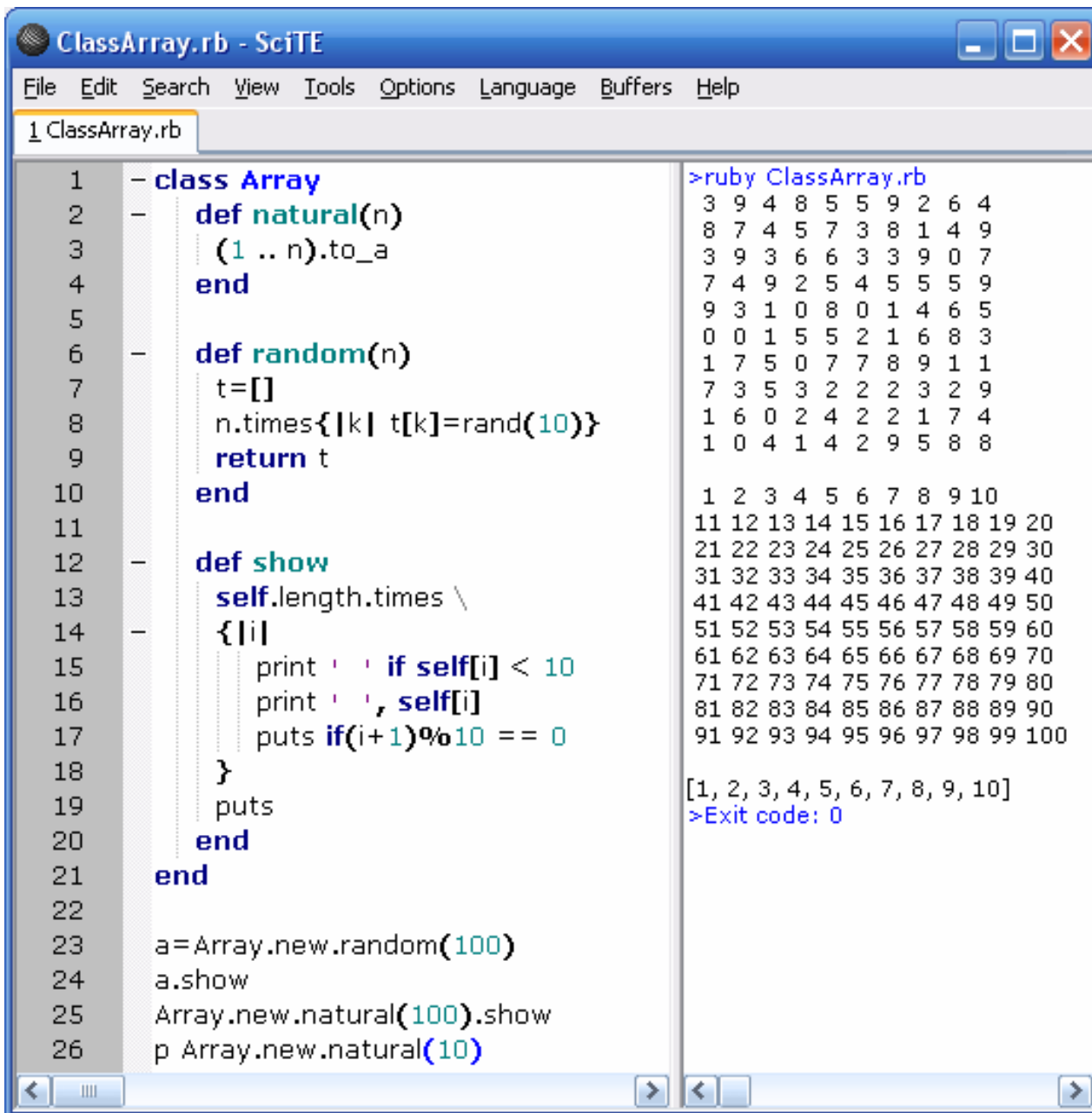
The instance variables are accessible to all class member functions (they act as global variables for the member functions)

# Expanding existing classes

- All existing classes come with a number of methods. E.g. Array includes methods:

*&, \*, +, -, <<, <=>, ==, [ ], [ ]=, abbrev, assoc, at, clear, collect, collect!, compact, compact!, concat, dclone, delete, delete\_at, delete\_if, each, each\_index, empty?, eql?, fetch, fill, first, flatten, flatten!, frozen?, hash, include?, index, indexes, indices, initialize\_copy, insert, inspect, join, last, length, map, map!, nitems, pack, pop, pretty\_print, pretty\_print\_cycle, push, quote, rassoc, reject, reject!, replace, reverse, reverse!, reverse\_each, rindex, select, shift, size, slice, slice!, sort, sort!, to\_a, to\_ary, to\_s, to\_yaml, transpose, uniq, uniq!, unshift, values\_at, yaml\_initialize, zip, |*

- Users can expand the collection of methods of existing classes by adding new methods
- Example: add special initialization and display methods for arrays



```
1 - class Array
2 -   def natural(n)
3 -     (1 .. n).to_a
4 -   end
5
6 -   def random(n)
7 -     t=[]
8 -     n.times{|k| t[k]=rand(10)}
9 -     return t
10 -  end
11
12 -   def show
13 -     self.length.times \
14 -     {|i|
15 -       print ' ' if self[i] < 10
16 -       print ' ', self[i]
17 -       puts if(i+1)%10 == 0
18 -     }
19 -     puts
20 -   end
21 - end
22
23 a=Array.new.random(100)
24 a.show
25 Array.new.natural(100).show
26 p Array.new.natural(10)
```

```
>ruby ClassArray.rb
3 9 4 8 5 5 9 2 6 4
8 7 4 5 7 3 8 1 4 9
3 9 3 6 6 3 3 9 0 7
7 4 9 2 5 4 5 5 5 9
9 3 1 0 8 0 1 4 6 5
0 0 1 5 5 2 1 6 8 3
1 7 5 0 7 7 8 9 1 1
7 3 5 3 2 2 2 3 2 9
1 6 0 2 4 2 2 1 7 4
1 0 4 1 4 2 9 5 8 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

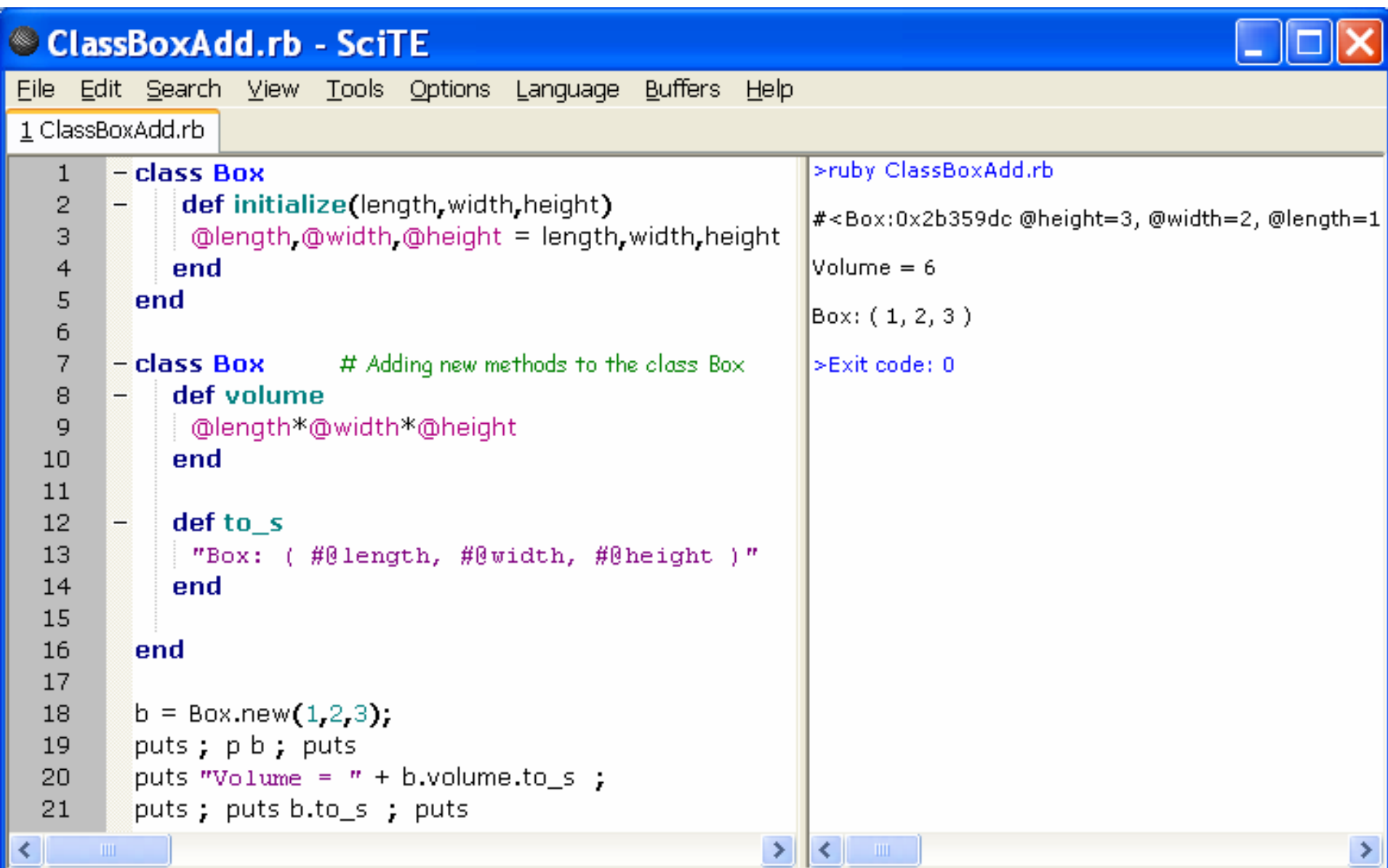
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
>Exit code: 0
```

When expanding an existing system class (Array) the initialization of the object is out of reach of user.

However, the current object (array) can be manipulated using the pseudovariable **self** .

By defining new methods inside existing classes, we can expand and improve existing method libraries and add new functionality.

## Incremental build of the class Box



**ClassBoxAdd.rb - SciTE**

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1 ClassBoxAdd.rb

```
1 - class Box
2 -   def initialize(length,width,height)
3 -     @length,@width,@height = length,width,height
4 -   end
5 - end
6
7 - class Box      # Adding new methods to the class Box
8 -   def volume
9 -     @length*@width*@height
10 -   end
11
12 -   def to_s
13 -     "Box: ( #{@length}, #{@width}, #{@height} )"
14 -   end
15
16 - end
17
18 b = Box.new(1,2,3);
19 puts ; p b ; puts
20 puts "Volume = " + b.volume.to_s ;
21 puts ; puts b.to_s ; puts
```

>ruby ClassBoxAdd.rb

```
#<Box:0x2b359dc @height=3, @width=2, @length=1
Volume = 6
Box: ( 1, 2, 3 )
>Exit code: 0
```

# The concept of pseudovvariable

- Properties of pseudovvariables:
  - They look as all other variables
  - They act as constants (cannot be assigned a value)
- Ruby pseudovvariables:
  - **self** = current object, invoked by a method
  - **true** = logical true; an instance of TrueClass
  - **false** = logical false; an instance of FalseClass
  - **nil** = empty/uninitialized/invalid; an instance of NilClass
  - **\_\_FILE\_\_** = name of current source file
  - **\_\_LINE\_\_** = number of current line in the current source file

1 Counter.rb

```
1 - class Counter
2
3 -   def initialize(max)
4       @counter=0
5       @max = max
6   end
7
8 -   def next
9       @counter += 1 - @counter/@max*@max
10  end
11
12 -   def array(n)
13       t=[ ]
14       n.times{|k| t[k]=self.next}
15       return t
16   end
17
18 end
19
20 n = Counter.new(4)
21 20.times{puts n.next} ; puts
22
23 p Counter.new(3).array(10) ; puts
```

&gt;ruby Math.rb

```
1
2
3
4
1
2
3
4
1
2
3
4
1
2
3
4
[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1]
>Exit code: 0
```



# Getters and setters

- Getter = a method for reading instance variables (object attributes) from programs that are not class members
- Setter = a method for writing instance variables (object attributes) from programs that are not class members
- Ruby convention: setter name usually terminates with “=”

```
ClassGetSet.rb - SciTE
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1 ClassGetSet.rb

1 - class Box
2
3 -   def initialize(x,y,z)
4       @length,@width,@height = x,y,z
5   end
6
7   # Getters
8   def length
9       @length
10  end
11
12  def width
13      @width
14  end
15
16  def height
17      @height
18  end
19
20  def lwh
21      [@length,@width,@height]
22  end
23
24  # Setters
25  def length=(x)
26      @length = x
27  end
28
29  def width=(y)
30      @width = y
31  end
32
33  def height=(z)
34      @height = z
35  end
36
37  def setLWH(x,y,z)
38      @length,@width,@height = x,y,z
39  end
40
41 end
```

# Getters and setters for the class Box

```
ClassGetSet.rb - SciTE
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1 ClassGetSet.rb

42
43 b = Box.new(1,2,3)
44 puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
45 puts "Width = "+b.width.to_s
46 puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
47 print "L-W-H = " ; p b.lwh; puts
48
49 b.length= 4 # Same as b.length=(4)
50 b.width= 5 # Same as b.width=(5)
51 b.height= 6 # Same as b.height=(6)
52 puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
53 puts "Width = "+b.width.to_s
54 puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
55 print "L-W-H = " ; p b.lwh; puts
56
57 b.setLWH 7,8,9 # or b.setLWH(7,8,9)
58 puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
59 puts "Width = "+b.width.to_s
60 puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
61 print "L-W-H = " ; p b.lwh; puts
62

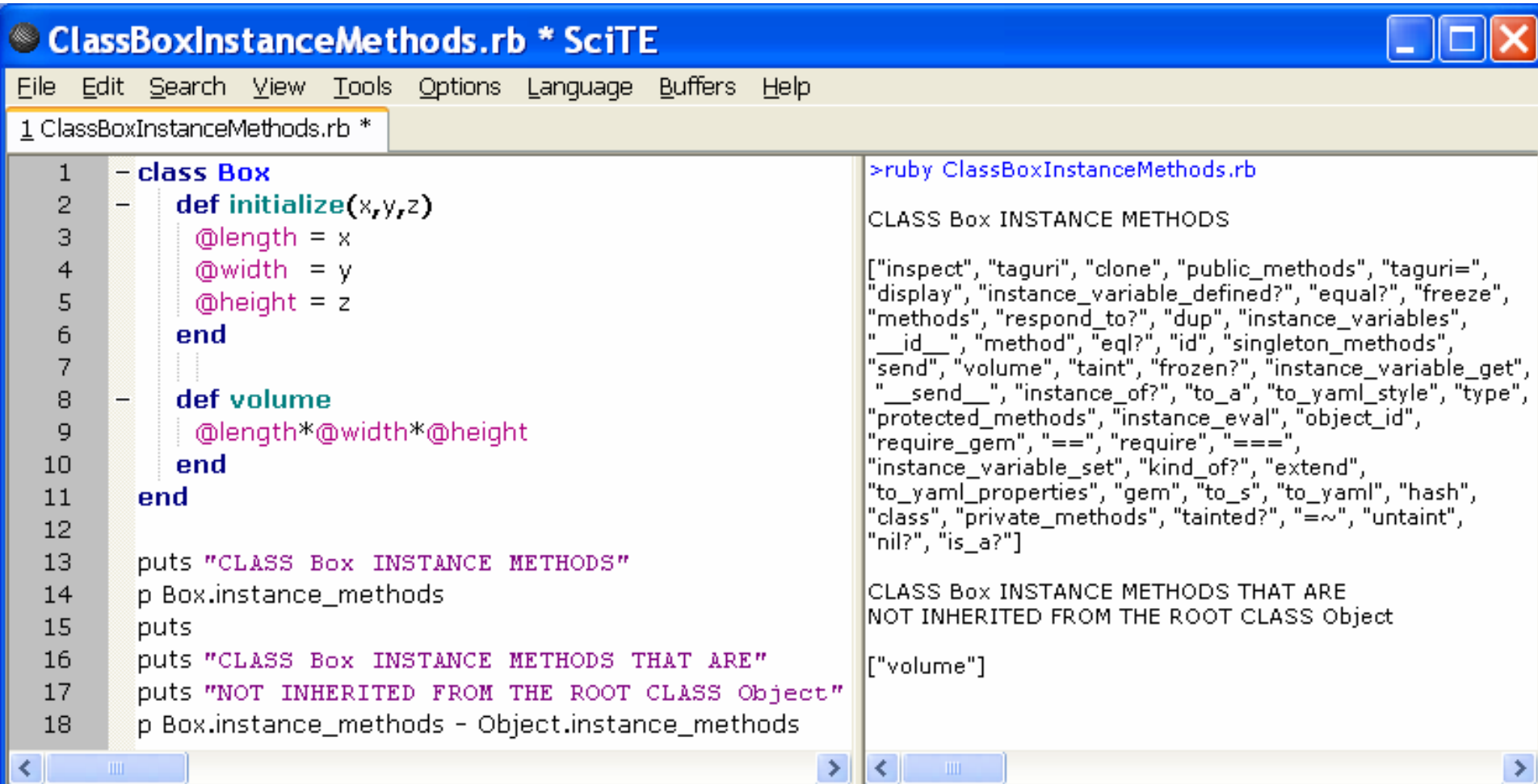
>ruby ClassGetSet.rb
Length = 1
Width = 2
Height = 3
L-W-H = [1, 2, 3]

Length = 4
Width = 5
Height = 6
L-W-H = [4, 5, 6]

Length = 7
Width = 8
Height = 9
L-W-H = [7, 8, 9]

>Exit code: 0
```

**Classes inherit a basic set of instance methods from the root class Object. In the case of the class Box the only method that is not inherited is “volume”**



The screenshot shows a SciTE text editor window titled "ClassBoxInstanceMethods.rb \* SciTE". The editor contains Ruby code for a `Box` class. The code defines an `initialize` method that sets instance variables `@length`, `@width`, and `@height` based on arguments `x`, `y`, and `z`. It also defines a `volume` method that calculates the volume as `@length * @width * @height`. The code then prints out the instance methods of the `Box` class and compares them to the instance methods of the root class `Object`.

```
1 - class Box
2 -   def initialize(x,y,z)
3     @length = x
4     @width = y
5     @height = z
6   end
7
8 -   def volume
9     @length*@width*@height
10  end
11 end
12
13 puts "CLASS Box INSTANCE METHODS"
14 p Box.instance_methods
15 puts
16 puts "CLASS Box INSTANCE METHODS THAT ARE"
17 puts "NOT INHERITED FROM THE ROOT CLASS Object"
18 p Box.instance_methods - Object.instance_methods
```

The right pane of the editor shows the output of the code. It displays the list of instance methods for the `Box` class, followed by the list of instance methods that are not inherited from the root class `Object`. The only method listed in the second list is `volume`.

```
>ruby ClassBoxInstanceMethods.rb
CLASS Box INSTANCE METHODS
["inspect", "taguri", "clone", "public_methods", "taguri=",
"display", "instance_variable_defined?", "equal?", "freeze",
"methods", "respond_to?", "dup", "instance_variables",
"__id__", "method", "eql?", "id", "singleton_methods",
"send", "volume", "taint", "frozen?", "instance_variable_get",
"__send__", "instance_of?", "to_a", "to_yaml_style", "type",
"protected_methods", "instance_eval", "object_id",
"require_gem", "==", "require", "===",
"instance_variable_set", "kind_of?", "extend",
"to_yaml_properties", "gem", "to_s", "to_yaml", "hash",
"class", "private_methods", "tainted?", "=~", "untaint",
"nil?", "is_a?"]
CLASS Box INSTANCE METHODS THAT ARE
NOT INHERITED FROM THE ROOT CLASS Object
["volume"]
```

# Accessors for instance variables

- Let **ivar** be an instance variable of an object **obj**. Ruby provides the following four accessors (getters and setters):

**attr :ivar [, true]**      => **obj.ivar [obj.ivar=]**

**attr\_reader :ivar**      => **obj.ivar**

**attr\_writer :ivar**      => **obj.ivar=**

**attr\_accessor :ivar** => **obj.ivar , obj.ivar=**

- attr\_accessor** is a general solution

ClassBoxAccessors.rb - SciTE

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1 ClassBoxAccessors.rb

1 - class Box

2

3 - def initialize(length,width,height)

4     @length,@width,@height = length,width,height

5 end

6

7     # Providing getters and setters for all instance variables

8     attr\_accessor :length, :width, :height

9 end

10

11 p Box.instance\_methods - Object.instance\_methods

12 puts

13 b = Box.new(1,2,3)

14 puts "Length = "+b.length.to\_s

15 puts "Width = "+b.width.to\_s

16 puts "Height = "+b.height.to\_s

17 puts; p b ; puts b.inspect ; puts     # Equivalent!

18

19 b.length= 4     # Same as b.length=(4)

20 b.width= 5     # Same as b.width=(5)

21 b.height= 6     # Same as b.height=(6)

22 puts "Length = "+b.length.to\_s

23 puts "Width = "+b.width.to\_s

24 puts "Height = "+b.height.to\_s ; puts; p b; puts

>ruby ClassBoxAccessors.rb

["length", "length=", "width", "width=", "height", "height="]

Length = 1

Width = 2

Height = 3

#<Box:0x2b339fc @height=3, @width=2, @length=1>

#<Box:0x2b339fc @height=3, @width=2, @length=1>

Length = 4

Width = 5

Height = 6

#<Box:0x2b339fc @height=6, @width=5, @length=4>

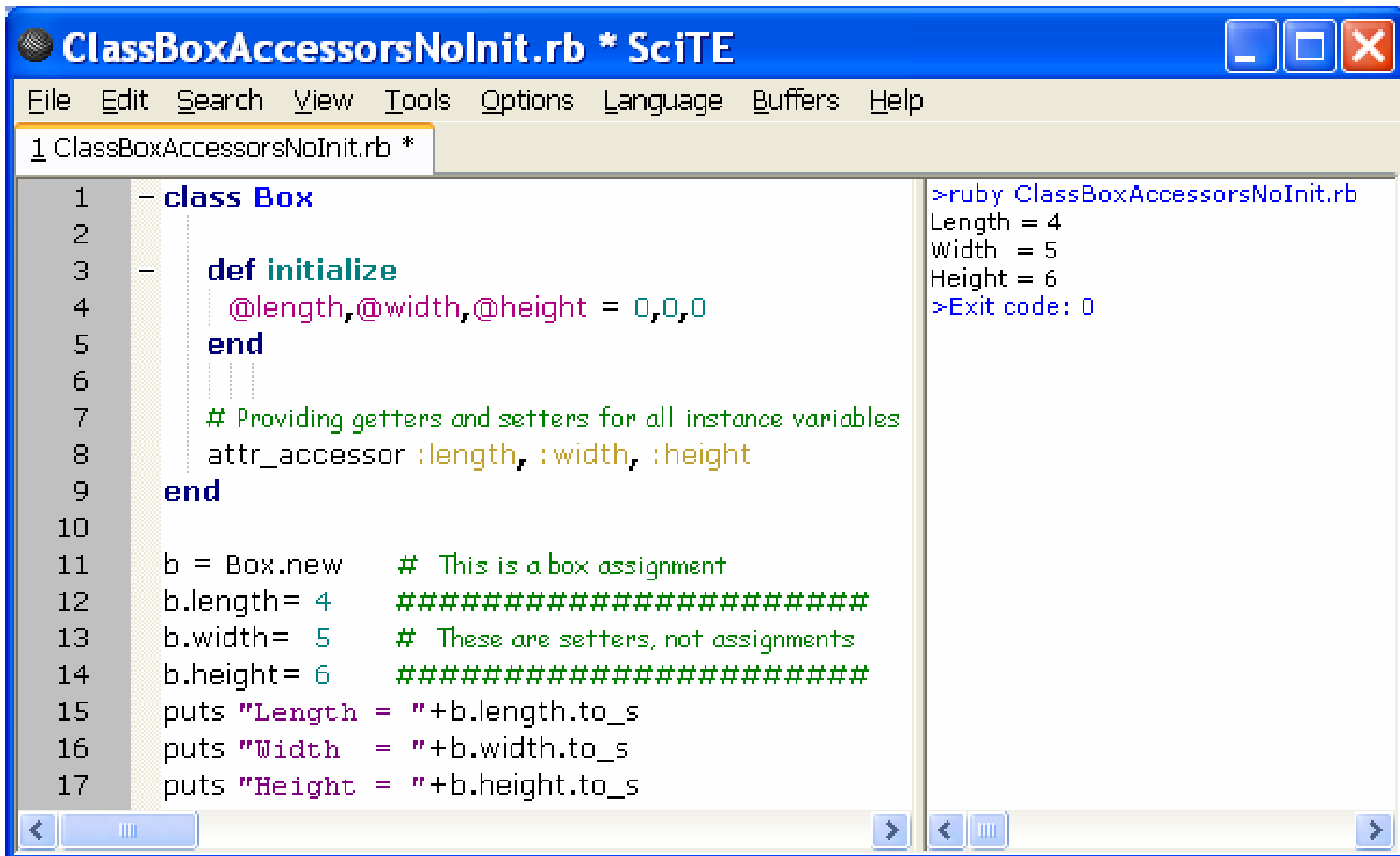
>Exit code: 0

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Ruby #3

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In a special case the initializer can be used without arguments



```
1  - class Box
2
3  -   def initialize
4      @length,@width,@height = 0,0,0
5  -   end
6
7      # Providing getters and setters for all instance variables
8      attr_accessor :length, :width, :height
9  - end
10
11  b = Box.new      # This is a box assignment
12  b.length= 4      #####
13  b.width= 5       # These are setters, not assignments
14  b.height= 6      #####
15  puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
16  puts "Width  = "+b.width.to_s
17  puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
```

```
>ruby ClassBoxAccessorsNoInit.rb
Length = 4
Width  = 5
Height = 6
>Exit code: 0
```

# Class variables

- Class variables are prefixed by @@
- All instances share the same @@classvar
- Class variables are suitable as counters and accumulator
- If used as accumulators or counters the class variables must be initialized before their use

```

1  - class Box
2
3      @@boxcounter = 0
4      @@totalvolume = 0.0
5
6      - def initialize(x,y,z)
7          @length, @width, @height = x,y,z
8          @@boxcounter += 1
9      end
10
11     - def volume
12         v = @length*@width*@height
13         @@totalvolume += v
14         return v
15     end
16
17     - def report
18         print "\nBoxes created = ", @@boxcounter, "\n"
19         print "\nTotal volume = ", @@totalvolume, "\n"
20         print "\nMean volume per box = ",
21             @@totalvolume/@@boxcounter, "\n\n"
22     end
23 end
24
25 a = Box.new(1,2,3) ; puts
26 puts "Volume = "+a.volume.to_s
27 b = Box.new(1.1, 2.2, 3.3)
28 puts "Volume = "+b.volume.to_s
29 puts "Volume = "+ Box.new(2,3,4).volume.to_s
30 c=[] # Define an empty array, same as c=Array.new
31 3.times{|k| c[k]=Box.new(k+1,k+1,k+1); puts c[k].volume}
32 b.report

```

&gt;ruby ClassBoxClassVar.rb

Volume = 6  
 Volume = 7.986  
 Volume = 24

1  
 8  
 27

Boxes created = 6

Total volume = 73.986

Mean volume per box = 12.331

&gt;Exit code: 0



# Class (static) methods

- Class method belongs to a class
- Class method is not associated with an instance of a class
- Class method is defined prefixed with **self** (which needs never to be changed) or the **name of the class to which it belongs** (which might be changed)
- Class method is invoked prefixed with the name of the class to which it belongs, like `Math.sqrt(x)`

```
1  - class Area
2
3  -   def self.box(a,b,c,unit=" m**2 ")
4      area=2*(a*b+a*c+b*c)
5      print "\nBox area = ", area, unit, "\n"
6      sprintf("%.2f",area) # return formatted string
7  end
8
9  -   def self.triangle(a,b,c,unit=" m**2 ")
10     s=0.5*(a+b+c)
11     area=Math.sqrt(s*(s-a)*(s-b)*(s-c))
12     print "\nTriangle area = ", area, unit, "\n"
13     return area
14 end
15
16 end
17
18 b = Area.box(1,2,3) # Only 3 args! Unit is default
19 puts b, b.class
20 t=Area.triangle(3,4,5," cm**2 ")
21 puts t, t.class ; puts
```

&gt;ruby ClassArea.rb

Box area = 22 m\*\*2  
22.00  
String

Triangle area = 6.0 cm\*\*2  
6.0  
Float

&gt;Exit code: 0

# Inheritance

- Inheritance is a method to create a class that is a refinement or specialization of another class
- Syntax:

```
class <old class>
```

```
.....
```

```
end
```

```
class <new class> < <old class>
```

```
.....
```

```
end
```

*Old class = superclass/parent class*

*New class = subclass/child class*

```

1  - class Box
2      -   def initialize(length,width,height)
3          -   @length,@width,@height = length,width,height
4      -   end
5  -   end
6
7  - class Box      # Adding new method to the class Box
8      -   def volume
9          -   @length*@width*@height
10         -   end
11     -   end
12
13 - class ColorBox < Box    # Adding new detail to the class Box
14     -   def initialize(length,width,height,color,weight)
15         -   super(length,width,height)
16         -   @color = color
17         -   @weight = weight
18     -   end
19     -   def to_s
20         -   "Box: ( #{@length}, #{@width}, #{@height}, #{@color}, #{@weight} )"
21     -   end
22 -   end
23 b = ColorBox.new(1,2,3,"red",12.34);
24 puts ; p b ; puts
25 puts "Volume = " + b.volume.to_s ;
26 puts ; puts b.to_s ; puts
    
```

>ruby ClassBoxAdd.rb

```

#<ColorBox:0x2b35400 @height=3,
@width=2, @weight=12.34,
@length=1, @color="red">
    
```

Volume = 6

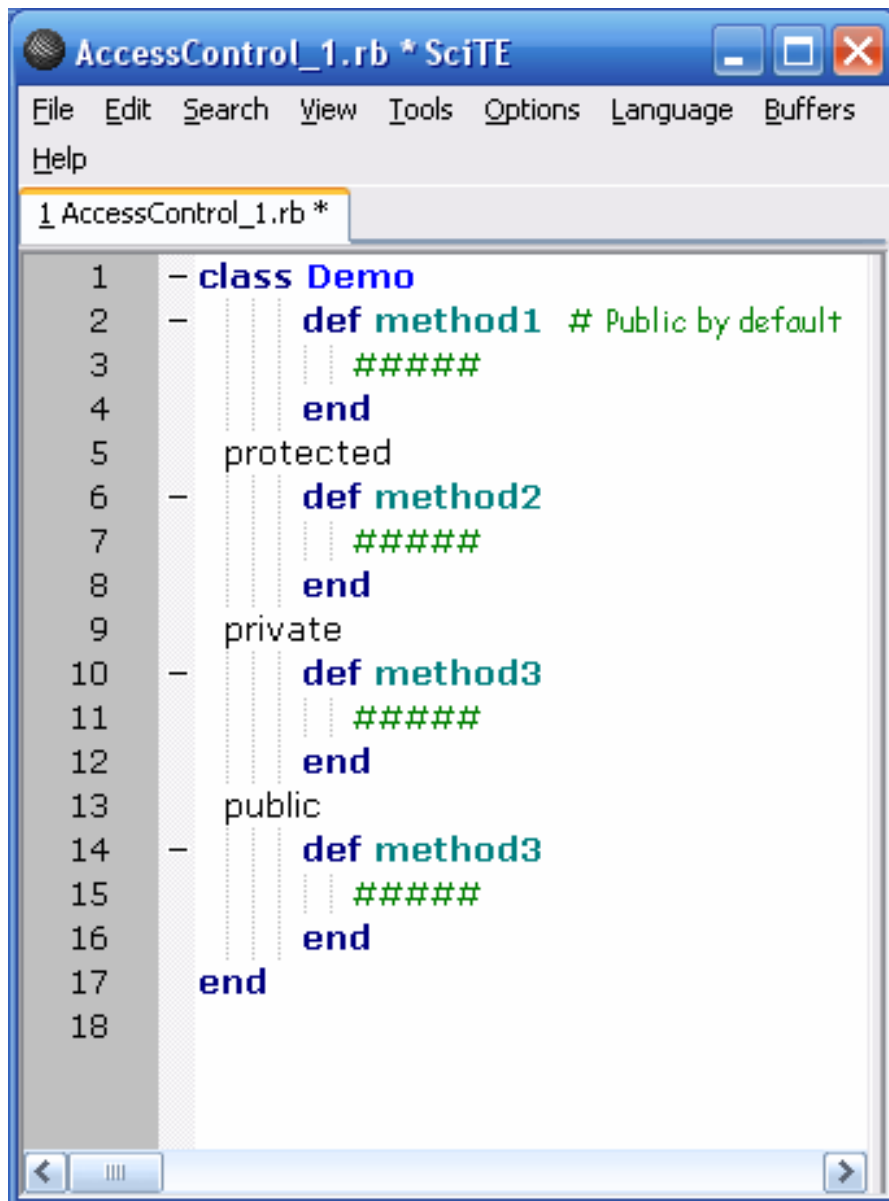
Box: ( 1, 2, 3, red, 12.34 )

>Exit code: 0

# Access Control

- **Public methods**: can be called by anyone (this is default, except for initialize, which is always private)
- **Protected methods**: access is restricted to family (accessed by the class and its subclasses/children)
- **Private methods**: cannot be called with receiver other than **self**

## Equivalent notation

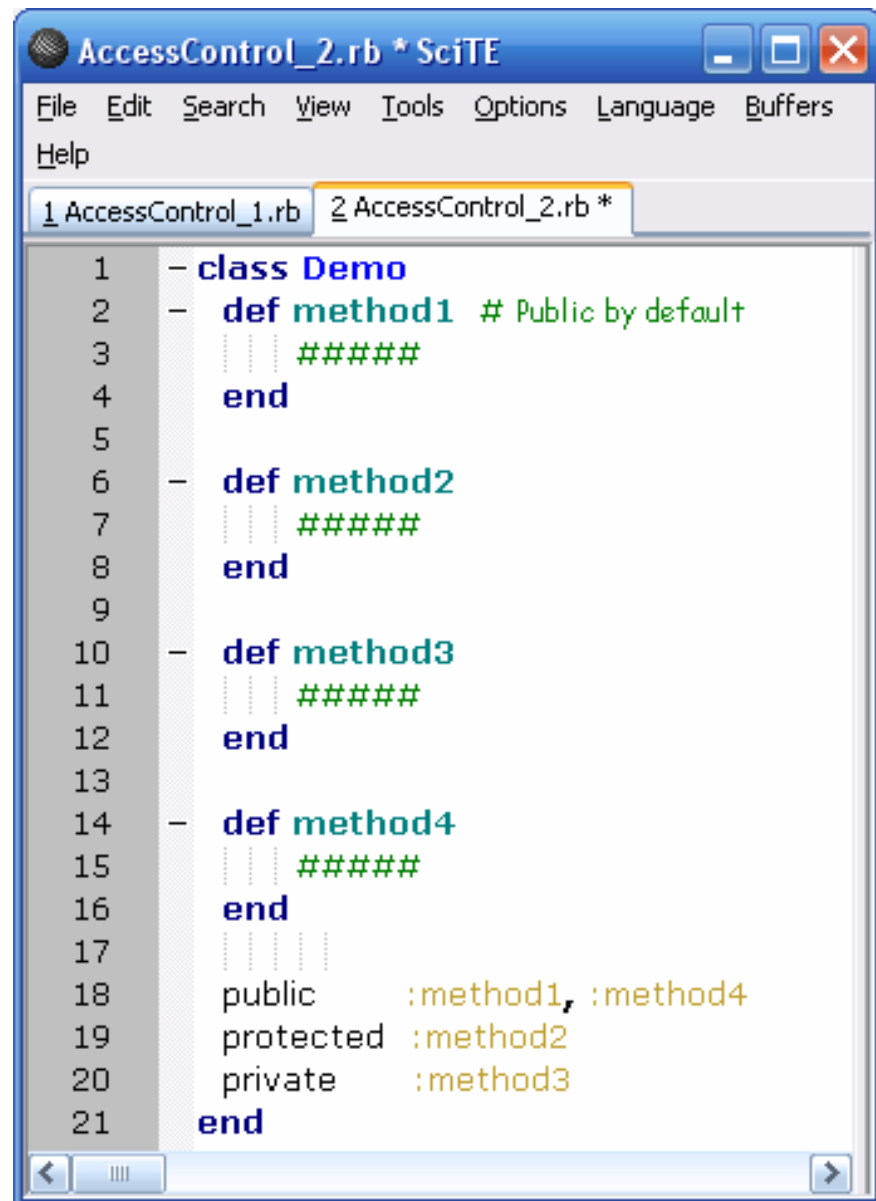


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1 AccessControl\_1.rb \*

```
1 - class Demo
2 -     def method1 # Public by default
3 -         #####
4 -     end
5 -     protected
6 -     def method2
7 -         #####
8 -     end
9 -     private
10 -    def method3
11 -        #####
12 -    end
13 -    public
14 -    def method3
15 -        #####
16 -    end
17 - end
18
```



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1 AccessControl\_1.rb 2 AccessControl\_2.rb \*

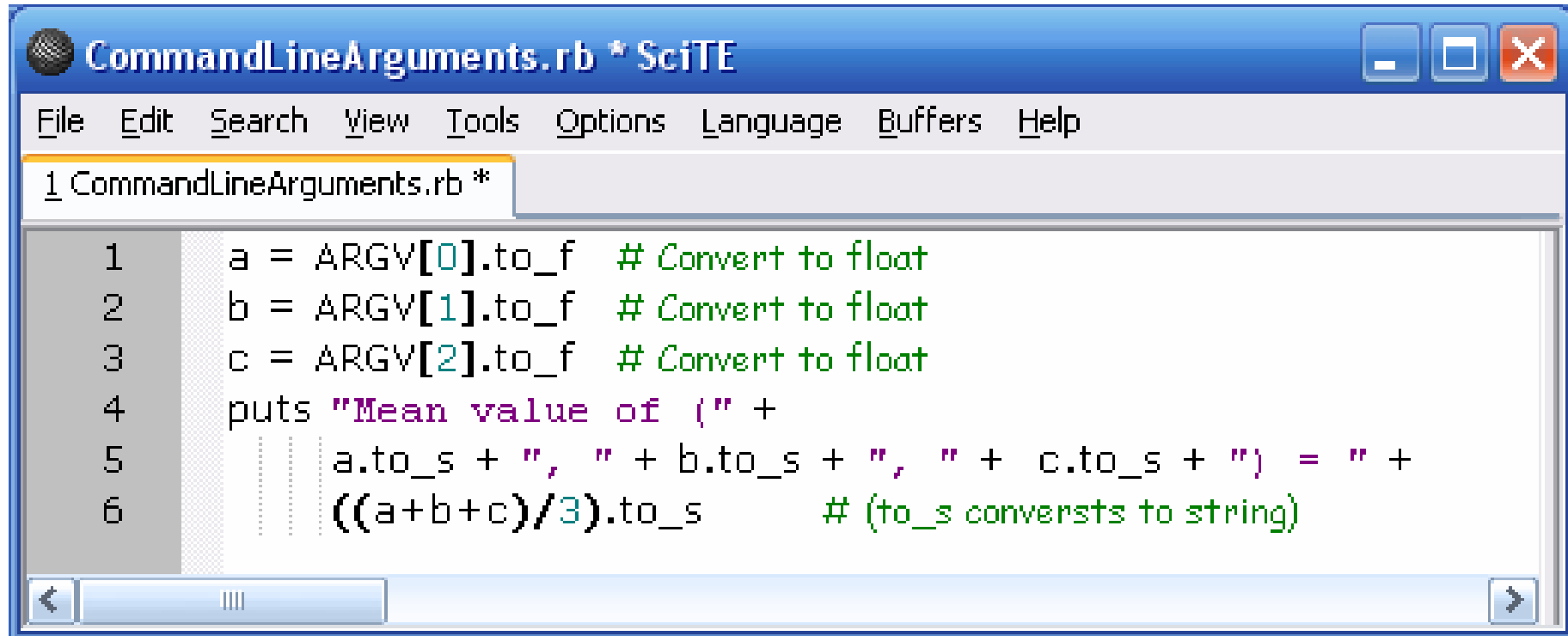
```
1 - class Demo
2 -     def method1 # Public by default
3 -         #####
4 -     end
5 -
6 -     def method2
7 -         #####
8 -     end
9 -
10 -    def method3
11 -        #####
12 -    end
13 -
14 -    def method4
15 -        #####
16 -    end
17 -
18 -    public :method1, :method4
19 -    protected :method2
20 -    private :method3
21 - end
```

# Elements of input/output

- Input/output comes from several sources:
  - Command line argument
  - Keyboard
    - Interactive mode
    - Interpretative mode
  - Files
- Keyboard input and command line input are processed in the command line environment

# Using command line arguments

- Program file CommandLineArguments.rb:



```
1  a = ARGV[0].to_f  # Convert to float
2  b = ARGV[1].to_f  # Convert to float
3  c = ARGV[2].to_f  # Convert to float
4  puts "Mean value of (" +
5      a.to_s + ", " + b.to_s + ", " + c.to_s + ") = " +
6      ((a+b+c)/3).to_s      # (to_s conversts to string)
```

- Execution in the command prompt mode:  
**>ruby CommandLineArguments.rb 1 4 5**  
**Mean value of (1.0, 4.0, 5.0) = 3.333333333333333**



```
1 print("Enter your name: ")
2 name = gets()
3 print("Hello ", name)
4 print("\nEnter the first number : ")
5 first = gets().to_f
6 print("Enter the second number: ")
7 second = gets().to_f
8
9 - 3.times {
10   print("\nSelect 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, *, / : ")
11   op = gets().to_f
12
13   - result = if op == 1 then first+second
14               elsif op == 2 then first-second
15               elsif op == 3 then first*second
16               elsif op == 4 then first/second
17               else "Error"
18               end
19   result = puts("The result = #{result}")
20
21   - op = case
22           when op == 1 then "addition"
23           when op == 2 then "subtraction"
24           when op == 3 then "multiplication"
25           when op == 4 then "division"
26           else "a wrong operator"
27         end
28   puts("You selected #{op}")
29 }
```

**>ruby AriTest.rb**

**Enter your name: Ruby**

**Hello Ruby**

**Enter the first number : 1.1111**

**Enter the second number: 2.2222**

**Select 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, \*, / : 4**

**The result = 0.5**

**You selected division**

**Select 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, \*, / : 5**

**The result = Error**

**You selected a wrong operator**

**Select 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, \*, / : 1**

**The result = 3.3333**

**You selected addition**

## Parentheses can be omitted. These two versions work in the same way

```
AriTest1.rb - SciTE
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1 AriTest1.rb
1 print "Enter your name: "      # NO PARENTHESES
2 name = gets
3 print "Hello ", name
4 print "\nEnter the first number : "
5 first = gets.to_f
6 print "Enter the second number: "
7 second = gets.to_f
8
9 - 3.times {
10   print "\nSelect 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, *, / : "
11   op = gets.to_f
12
13   - result = if op == 1 then first+second
14               elsif op == 2 then first-second
15               elsif op == 3 then first*second
16               elsif op == 4 then first/second
17               else "Error"
18               end
19   result = puts("The result = #{result}")
20
21   - op = case
22           when op == 1 then "addition"
23           when op == 2 then "subtraction"
24           when op == 3 then "multiplication"
25           when op == 4 then "division"
26           else "a wrong operator"
27           end
28   puts "You selected #{op}"
29 }
```

```
est.rb - SciTE
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est.rb
1 print("Enter your name: ")
2 name = gets()
3 print("Hello ", name)
4 print("\nEnter the first number : ")
5 first = gets().to_f
6 print("Enter the second number: ")
7 second = gets().to_f
8
9 - 3.times {
10   print("\nSelect 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, *, / : ")
11   op = gets().to_f
12
13   - result = if op == 1 then first+second
14               elsif op == 2 then first-second
15               elsif op == 3 then first*second
16               elsif op == 4 then first/second
17               else "Error"
18               end
19   result = puts("The result = #{result}")
20
21   - op = case
22           when op == 1 then "addition"
23           when op == 2 then "subtraction"
24           when op == 3 then "multiplication"
25           when op == 4 then "division"
26           else "a wrong operator"
27           end
28   puts("You selected #{op}")
29 }
```

# Files

- Dir = class for manipulating directories
  - `Dir.chdir("/Users/bill/ruby")`
  - `home = Dir.pwd # Users/peter/ruby`
  - `Dir.mkdir("/Users/bill/scheme")`
  - `Dir.rmdir("/Users/bill/pascal")`
- File = class to manipulate files
  - Create
  - Open
  - Rename
  - Delete

# Create file

- Create and open file for writing  
    `file = File.new("data.txt", "w")`
- Modes:
  - “r” = read only, start from beginning
  - “r+” = read-write, start from beginning
  - “w” = write only (create new or overwrite an existing file)
  - “w+” = write-read (create new or overwrite existing file)
  - “a” = append (write only) or create new file, start at EOF
  - “a+” = append (read-write) or create new file, start at EOF
  - “b” = binary file mode (DOS/Windows only)

# Open/close file

```
file = File.open("data.txt")  
file.each{ |line| print "#{file.lineno}", line }  
file.close
```

```
File.open("data.txt") if File::exists?("data.txt")
```

# Rename, Delete, Test

```
file = File.new("data.txt", "w")
```

```
File.rename("data.txt", "junk.txt")
```

```
File.delete("junk.txt")
```

```
file.closed? # returns true/false
```

```
file.size    # returns size in bytes
```

# Basic numeric methods (Math)

- Recognizers
- Rounding
- Absolute value
- Sign
- Constants
- Not a number
- Infinity
- Roots
- Logarithms/exponentials
- Cartesian/polar conversion
- Dates and time measure
- Trigonometry
- Hyperbolic functions
- Fraction/exponent decomposition
- Error function
- BigDecimal arithmetic
- Complex numbers and functions
- Rational numbers and rational arithmetic oper.
- Random numbers (seed and computation)
- Vectors and matrices

```

Math.rb - SciTE
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1 Math.rb
1 # General recognizers >ruby Math.rb
2 p ZERO=0.0 0.0
3 p INF=1.0/0.0 Infinity
4 p NAN=0.0/0.0 NaN
5 p ZERO.zero? true
6 p 0.zero? 1
7 p 1.nonzero? true
8 p 11.integer? false
9 p 1.0.integer? false
10 p INF.finite? 1
11 p ZERO.finite? -1
12 p NAN.finite? nil
13 p INF.infinite? true
14 p -INF.infinite? false
15 p NAN.infinite? false
16 p NAN.nan? -1
17 p ZERO.nan? 0
18 p INF.nan? 1
19 # Sign >Exit code: 0
20 p -1.23 <=> 0
21 p 0.0 <=> 0
22 p 1.23 <=> 0

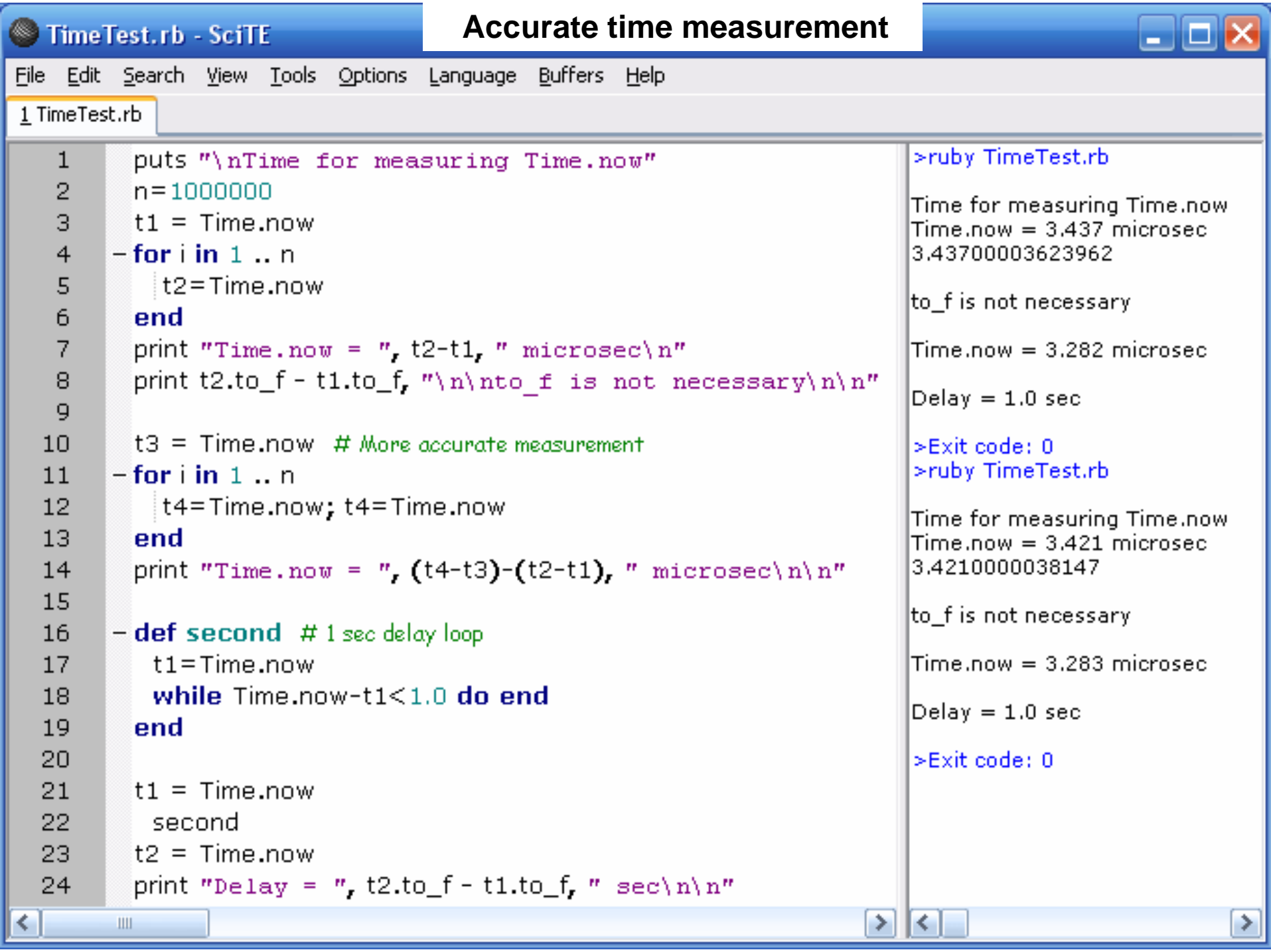
```

```

Rational.rb - SciTE
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Help
1 Rational.rb
1 require "rational" #load library >ruby Rational.rb
2 require "mathn" #load library 1/2
3 p x = 1/2 1/3
4 p y = Rational(1,3) 5/6
5 p z = x + y 6/5
6 p z = 1/z 3/5
7 p x*z 1/100
8 p penny = 1/100 1/20
9 p nickel = 5/100 1/10
10 p dime = 10/100 1/4
11 p quarter = 25/100 41/100
12 p quarter+dime+nickel+penny 1
13 p 4*quarter 1/6
14 p 20*nickel <=> 10*dime 1/24
15 p 1/2/3 1/362880
16 p 1/2/3/4 1/4480
17 p 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9 >Exit code: 0
18 p 81/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9
19

```





# Matrix operations

```
MMult.rb * SciTE
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1 MMult.rb *

1  # Basic Matrix Operations (matrices are stored row-wise)
2  require 'matrix'
3  # Matrix must be defined with real numbers. If we use integers
4  # then matrix inversion will be performed using integer
5  # arithmetic and create wrong integer results
6  m1 = Matrix[ [1.0, 2.0], [3.0, 4.0] ]
7  print "\nm1 = "; p m1
8  print "Determinant(m1) = ", m1.determinant, "\n"
9  puts "Matrix m1 is regular" if m1.regular?
10 print "Rows(m1): "; p m1.row_vectors
11 print "Columns(m1): "; p m1.column_vectors
12 print "\nInverse(m1) = "; p m1.inverse
13 print "m1*inv(m1) = "; p m1* m1.inverse
14 print "inv(m1)*m1= "; p m1.inverse*m1
15 print "inv(inv(m1)) = "; p m1.inverse.inverse
16 puts; m2 = m1.transpose
17 print "m2 = "; p m2
18 m3 = m1 + m2; print "m1 + m2 = "; p m3
19 m3 = m1 * m2; print "m1 * m2 = "; p m3
20 puts; puts "Solving liner equations"
21 puts "x1 + 2*x2 = 5 : AX=B; X=A**-1 * B"
22 puts "3*x1 + 4*x2 = 11 : x1=1, x2=2"
23 print "[x1, x2]= "; p m1.inverse * Matrix[[5.0], [11.0]]
24 print "\n\nRow [5.0, 11.0] transpose=";
25 p Matrix[[5.0, 11.0]].transpose ; puts

>ruby MMult.rb

m1 = Matrix[[1.0, 2.0], [3.0, 4.0]]
Determinant(m1) = -2.0
Matrix m1 is regular
Rows(m1): [Vector[1.0, 2.0], Vector[3.0, 4.0]]
Columns(m1): [Vector[1.0, 3.0], Vector[2.0, 4.0]]

Inverse(m1) = Matrix[[-2.0, 1.0], [1.5, -0.5]]
m1*inv(m1)= Matrix[[1.0, 0.0], [0.0, 1.0]]
inv(m1)*m1= Matrix[[1.0, 0.0], [0.0, 1.0]]
inv(inv(m1))= Matrix[[1.0, 2.0], [3.0, 4.0]]

m2 = Matrix[[1.0, 3.0], [2.0, 4.0]]
m1 + m2 = Matrix[[2.0, 5.0], [5.0, 8.0]]
m1 * m2 = Matrix[[5.0, 11.0], [11.0, 25.0]]

Solving liner equations
x1 + 2*x2 = 5 : AX=B; X=A**-1 * B
3*x1 + 4*x2 = 11 : x1=1, x2=2
[x1, x2]= Matrix[[1.0], [2.0]]

Row [5.0, 11.0] transpose=Matrix[[5.0], [11.0]]

>Exit code: 0
```

# Solving a quadratic equation with complex coefficients

```
Complex.rb - SciTE
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1 Complex.rb
1 require 'complex'
2 - def x1(a,b,c)
3   (-b + Math.sqrt(b**2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
4 end
5 - def x2(a,b,c)
6   (-b - Math.sqrt(b**2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
7 end
8 - def qe(a,b,c,x)
9   a*x*x + b*x + c
10 end
11 - def test1(a,b,c)
12   qe(a,b,c,x1(a,b,c))
13 end
14 - def test2(a,b,c)
15   qe(a,b,c,x2(a,b,c))
16 end
17 - def d(s,c) # Display string and complex number
18   puts s+" = "+c.to_s
19 end
20 a = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("a", a)
21 b = Complex(0.0 , 0.0); d("b", b)
22 c = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("c", c); puts
23 d("x1",x1(a,b,c)); d("t1",test1(a,b,c))
24 d("x2",x2(a,b,c)); d("t2",test2(a,b,c)); puts
25 a = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("a", a)
26 b = -Complex(1.0 , 1.0); d("b", b)
27 c = Complex(0.0 , 1.0); d("c", c); puts
28 d("x1",x1(a,b,c)); d("t1",test1(a,b,c))
29 d("x2",x2(a,b,c)); d("t2",test2(a,b,c)); puts

>ruby Complex.rb
a = 1.0+0.0i
b = 0.0i
c = 1.0+0.0i

x1 = 1.0i
t1 = 0.0i
x2 = -1.0i
t2 = 0.0i

a = 1.0+0.0i
b = -1.0-1.0i
c = 1.0i

x1 = 1.0+0.0i
t1 = 0.0i
x2 = 1.0i
t2 = 0.0i

>Exit code: 0
```

# Highlights and Conclusions

- Ruby is a multi-paradigm language: it is good for procedural, functional and object oriented programming
- Comfortable: Ruby is a dynamically typed language – no type definitions before we start running code
- Rich: 98 standard libraries and 9000+ methods
- Relaxed approach to syntax – many alternative ways to achieve goals; no rigid rules
- Strictly object oriented – that yields rich control structures and flexibility in building objects
- Simplicity in defining and expanding classes
- Free and growing: web development
- Performance awareness: benchmarks, YARV
- Tools: debugger, profiler and much more

# Next steps

- Ruby on rails – web development framework: <http://www.rubyonrails.org>
- Common Gateway Interface (CGI) web programming toolkit [http://www.spice-of-life.net/cgiokit/index\\_en.html](http://www.spice-of-life.net/cgiokit/index_en.html)