RUBY
#3 Methods and Classes

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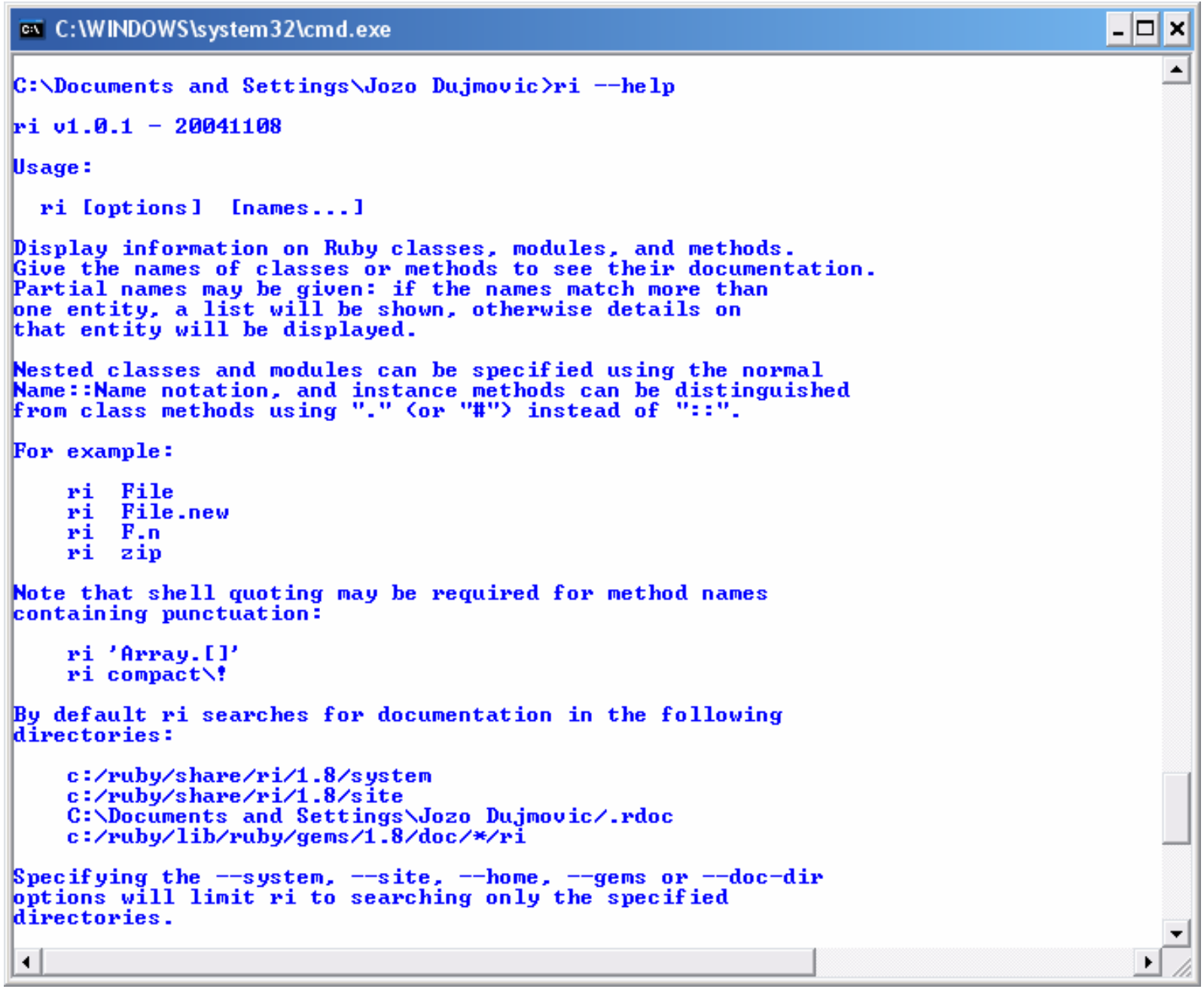
Ruby is not a small language

- 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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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:
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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
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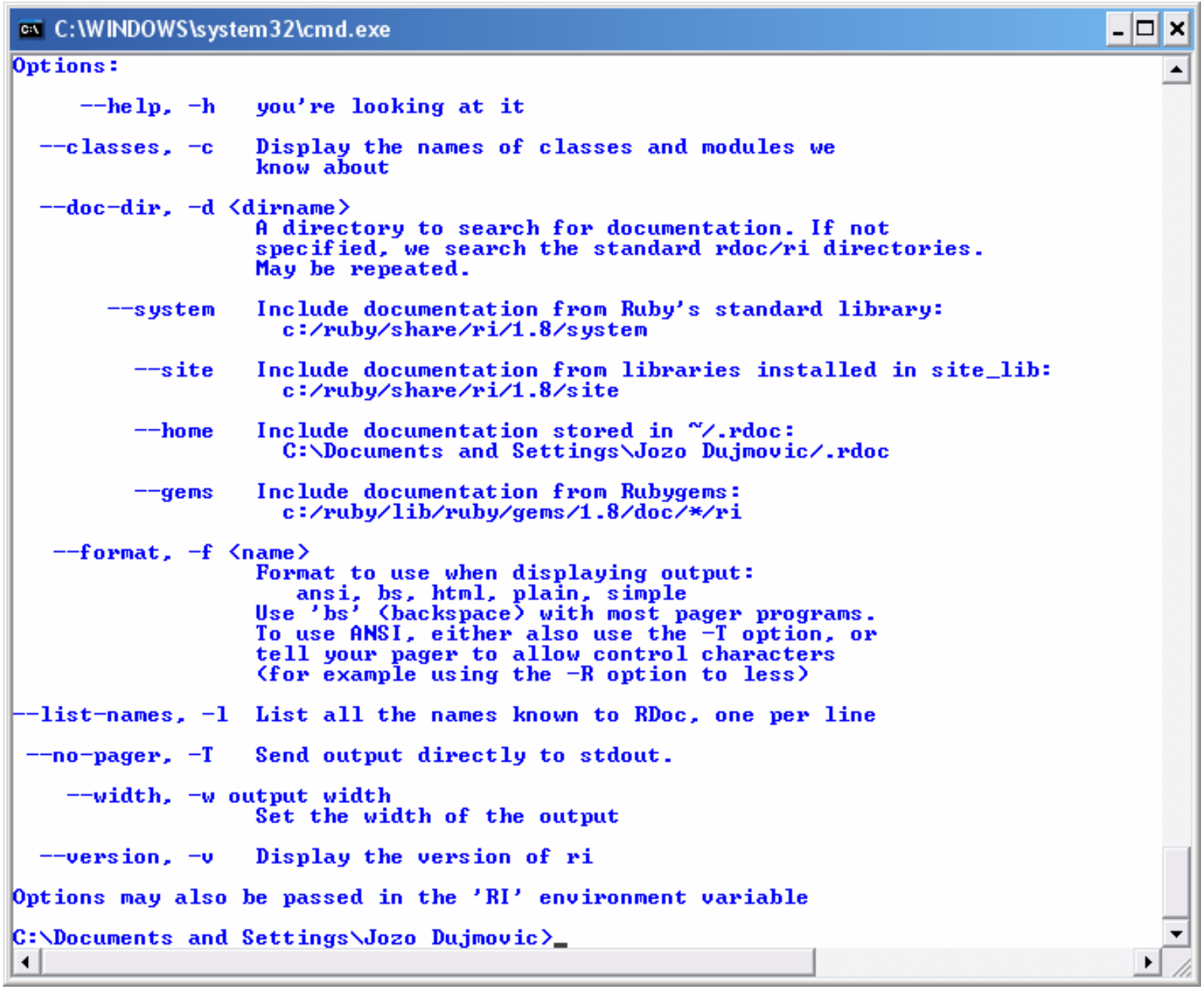
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Options:
--help, -h you're looking at it
--classes, -c Display the names of classes and modules we know about
--doc-dir, -d <dirname> A directory to search for documentation. If not specified, we search the standard rdoc/ri directories. May be repeated.
--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: C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic/.rdoc
--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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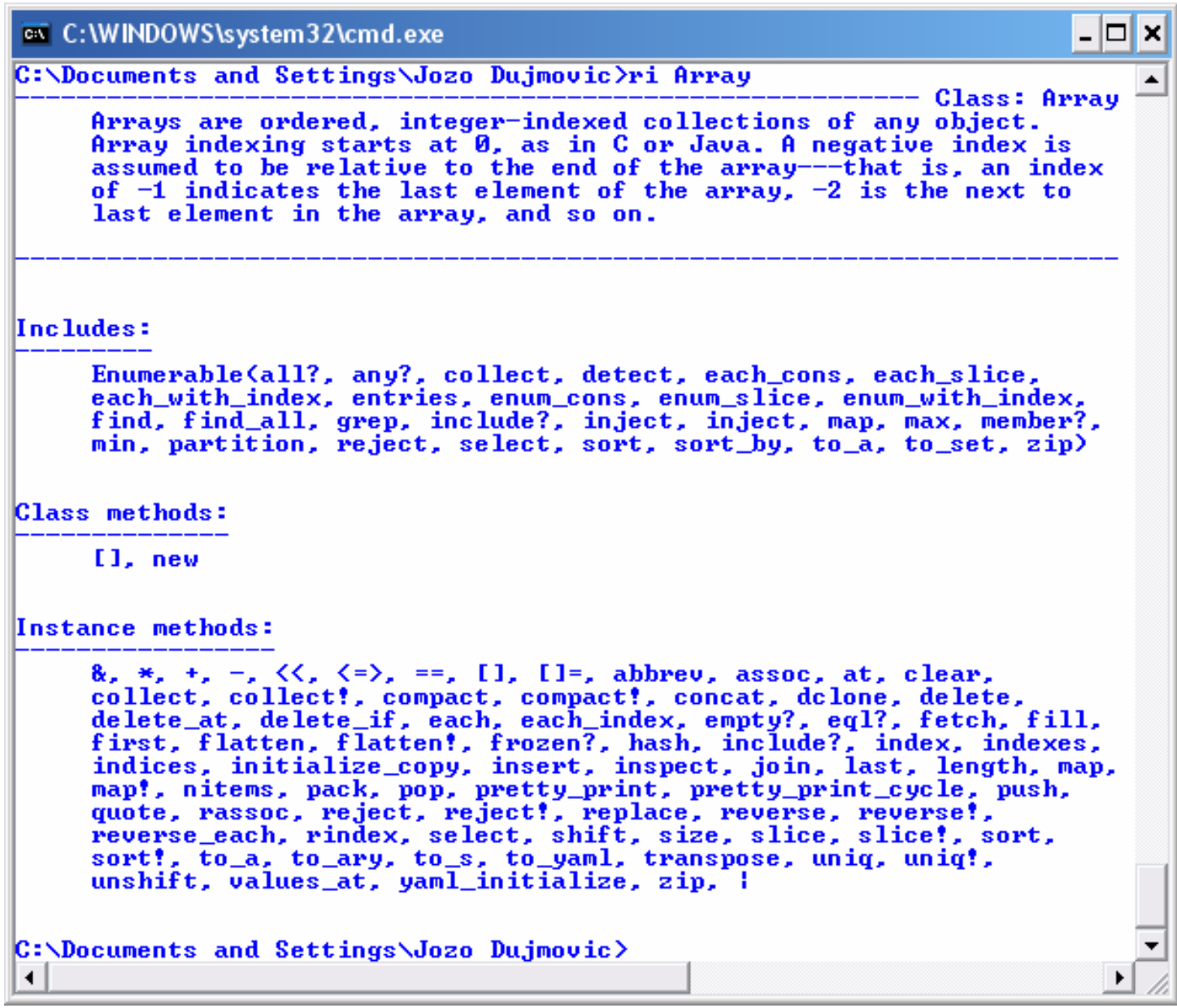
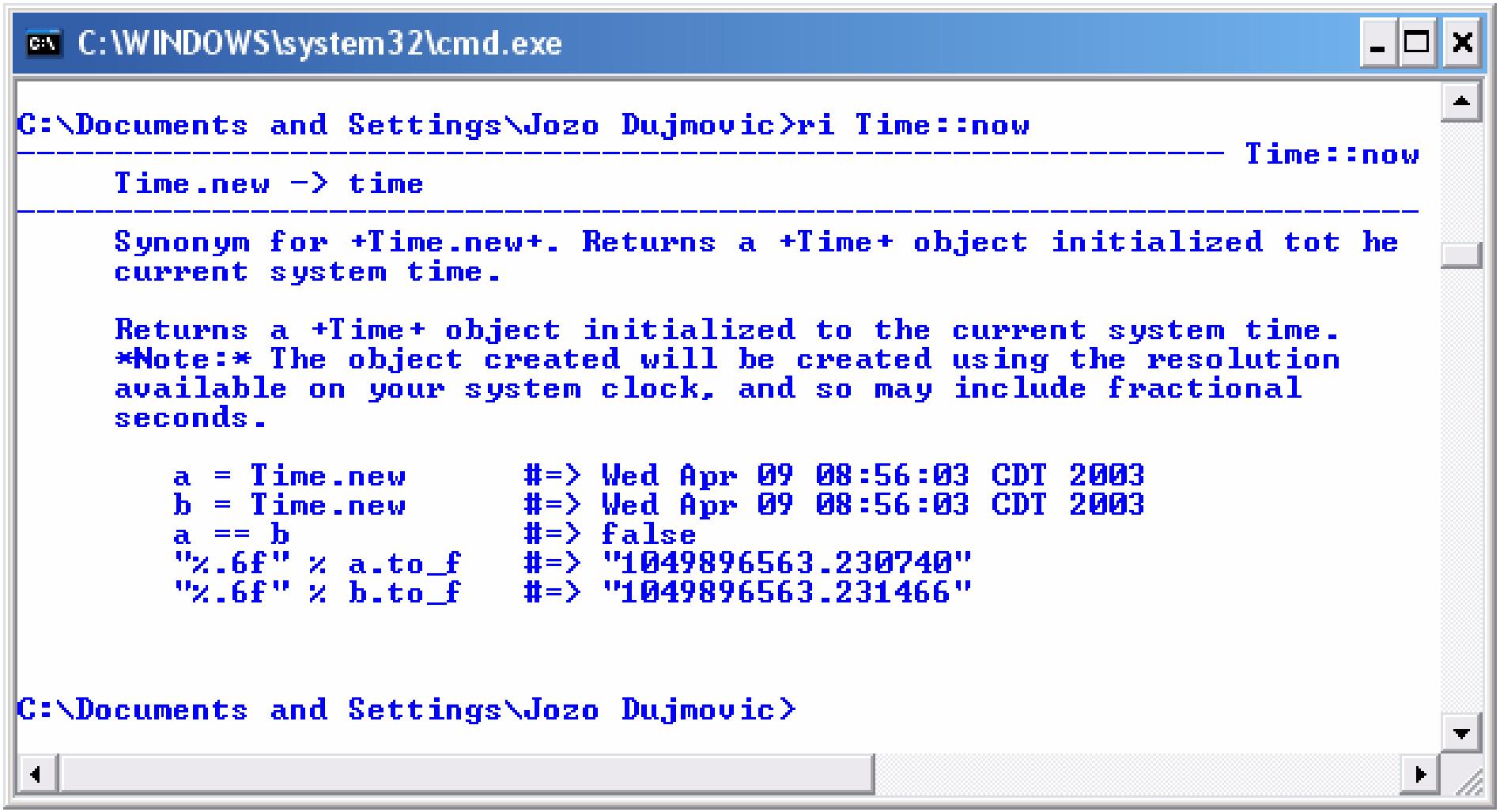
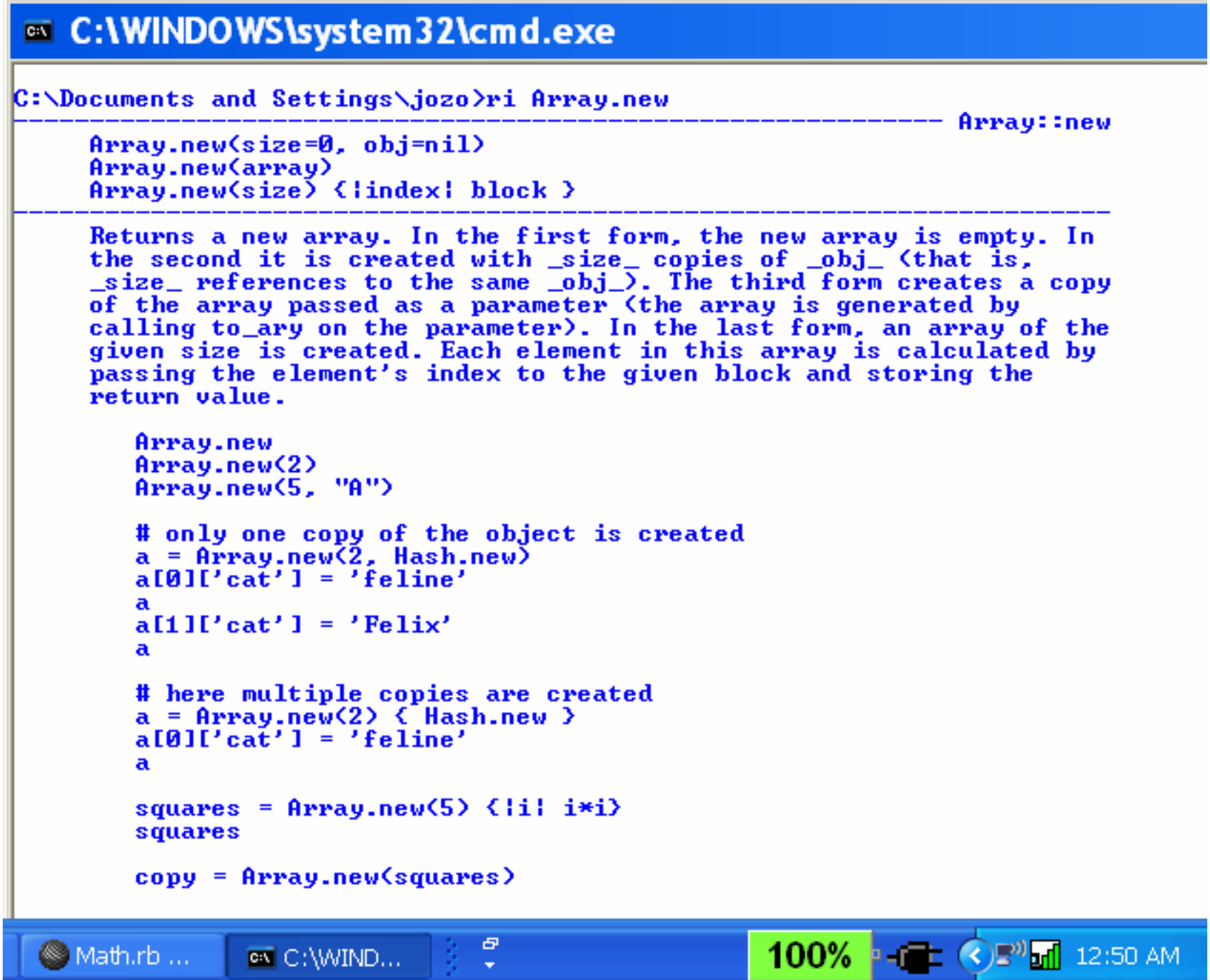
Using ri -c to find all classes

Using ri ClassName



Using ri to find specific method

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C:\Documents and Settings\jozo>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)
Math.rb ...
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100%
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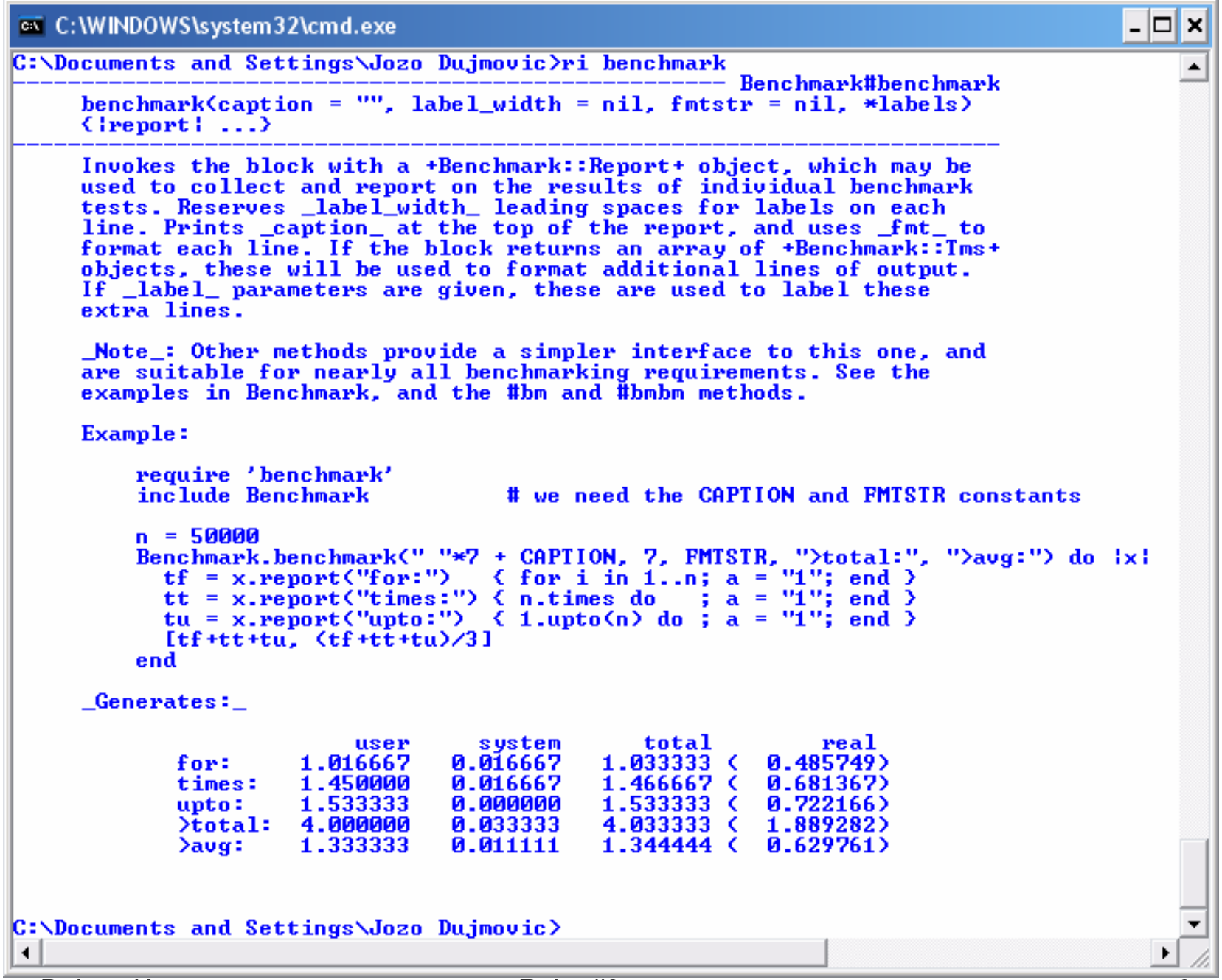
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C:\Documents and Settings\Jozo Dujmovic>ri benchmark
-- Benchmark#benchmark
benchmark(caption = "", label_width = nil, fmtstr = nil, *labels)
{|report| ...}

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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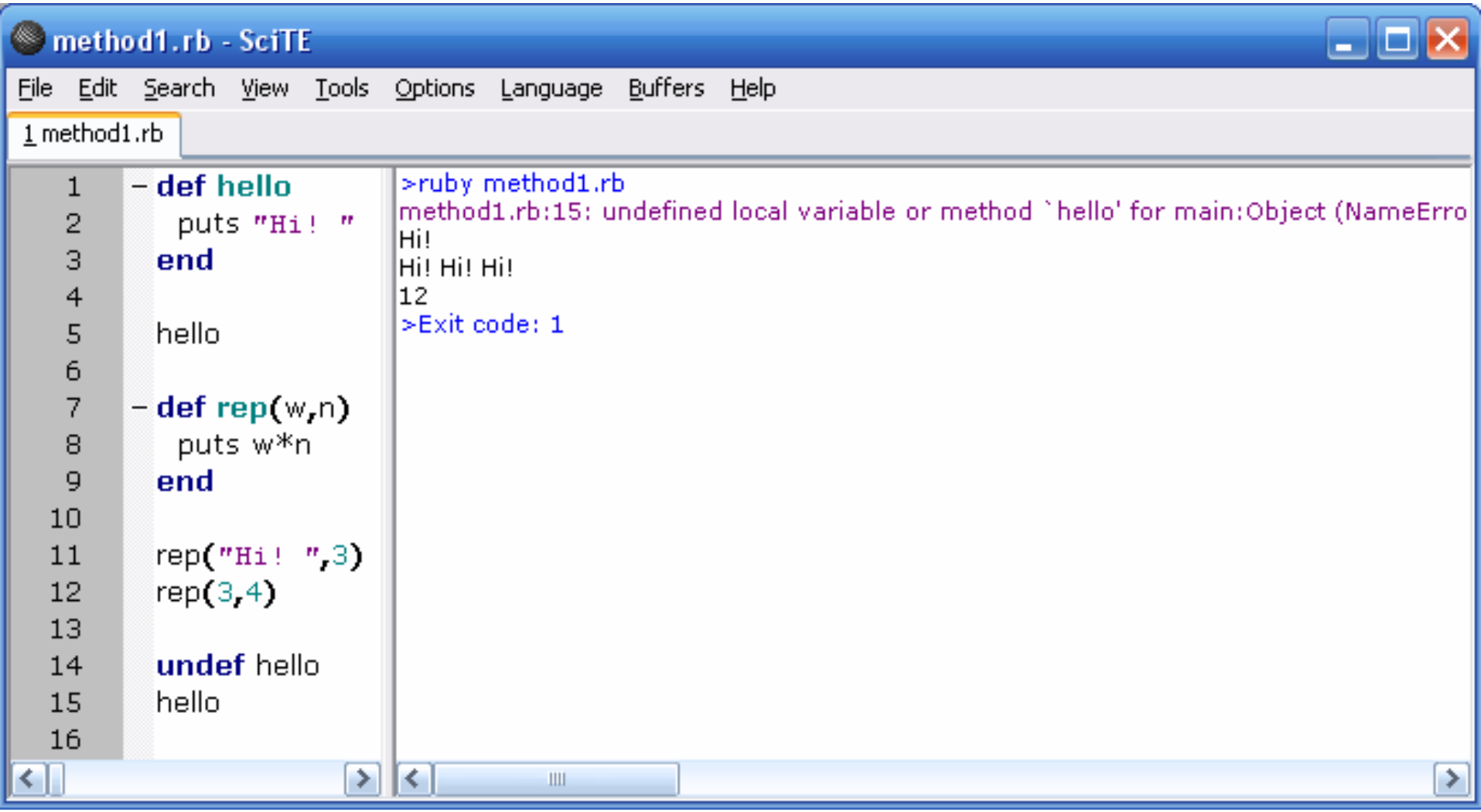
Methods

- 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


method1.rb - SciTE
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1 method1.rb
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 (NameErro
Hi!
Hi! Hi! Hi!
12
>Exit code: 1

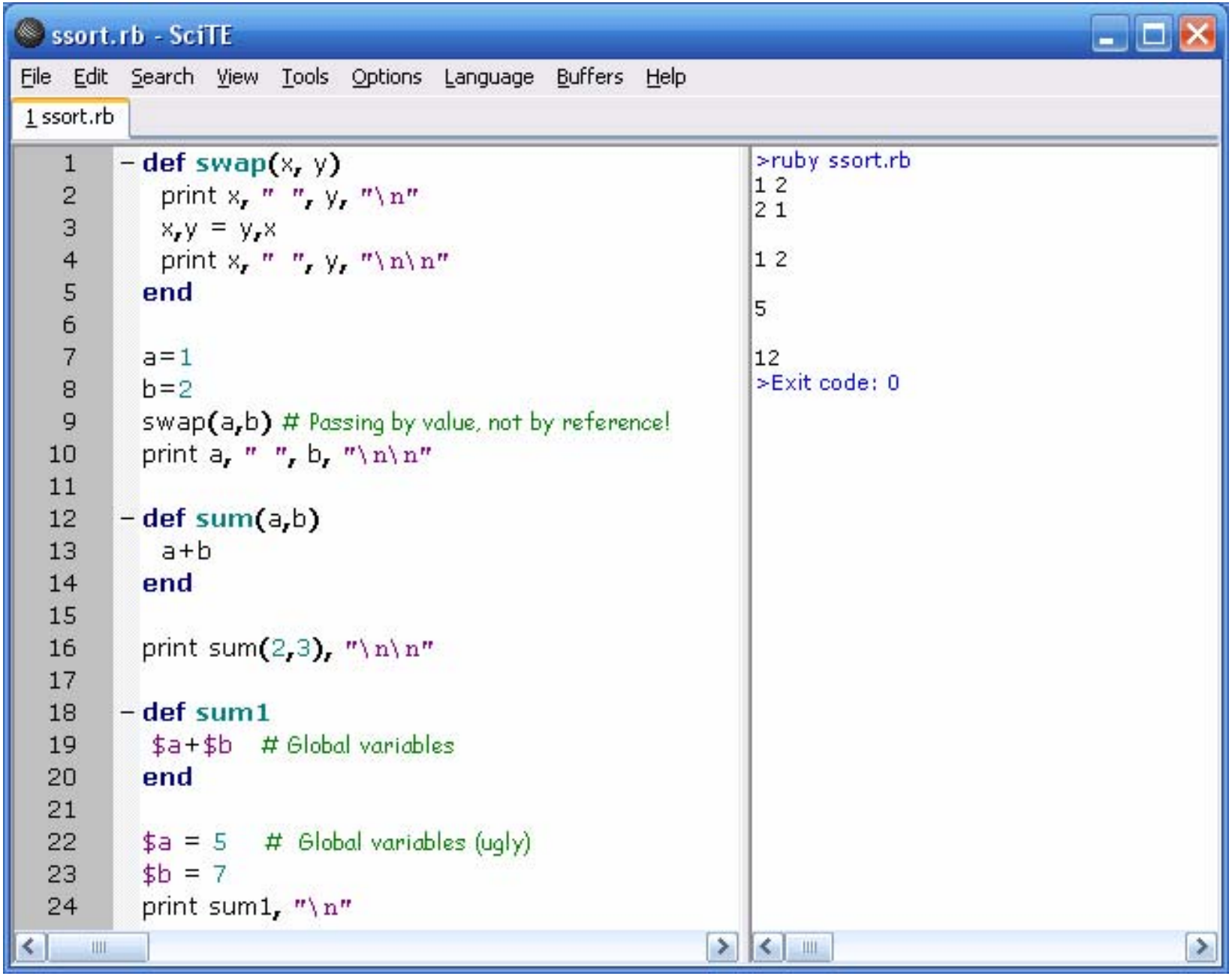
Methods - syntax

- 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


ssort.rb - SciTE
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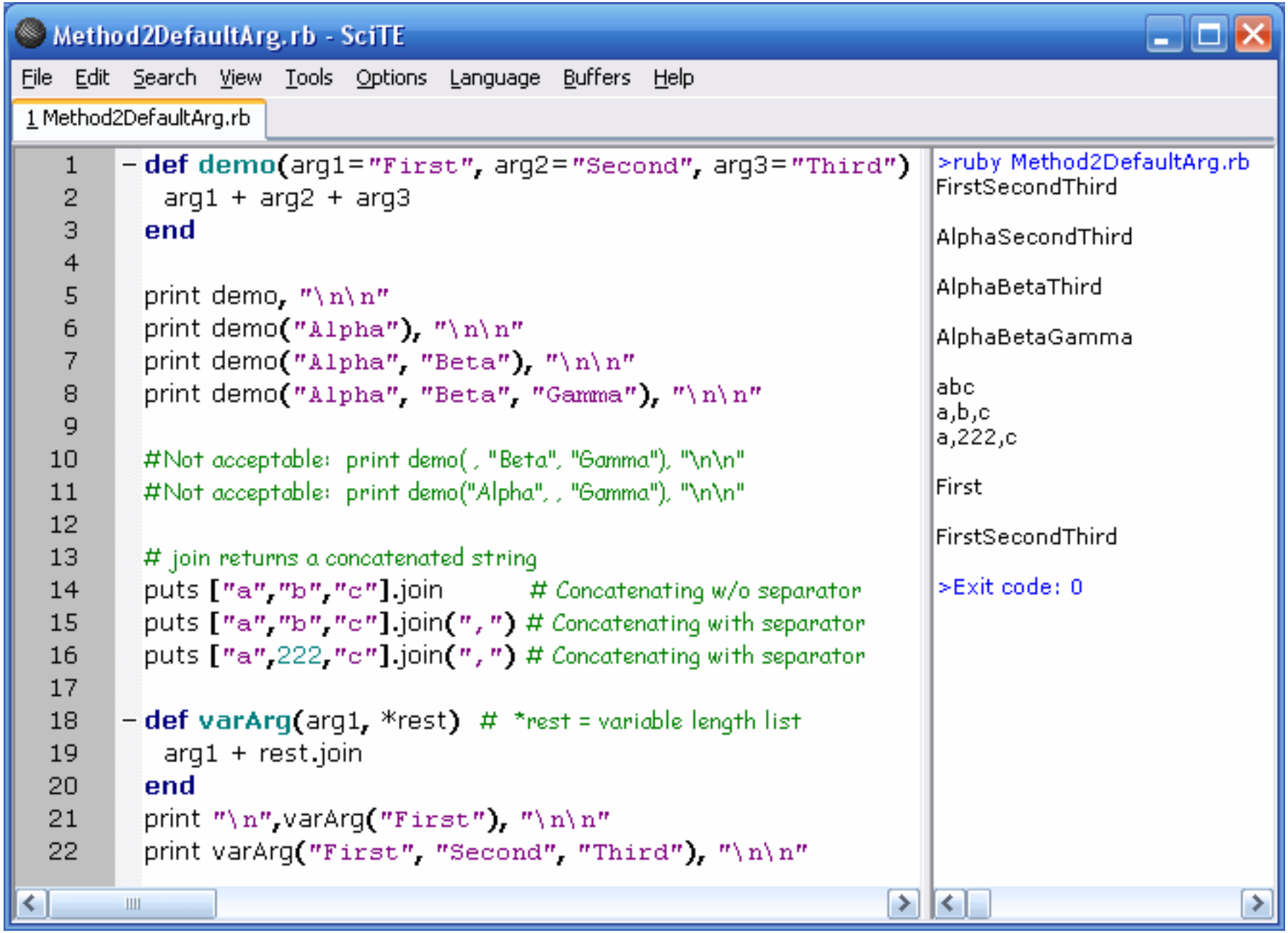
1 ssort.rb
1 def swap(x, y)
2 print x, " ", y, "\n"
3 x,y = y,x
4 print x, " ", y, "\n\n"
5 end
6
7 a=1
8 b=2
9 swap(a,b) # Passing by value, not by reference!
10 print a, " ", b, "\n\n"
11
12 def sum(a,b)
13 a+b
14 end
15
16 print sum(2,3), "\n\n"
17
18 def sum1
19 $a+$b # Global variables
20 end
21
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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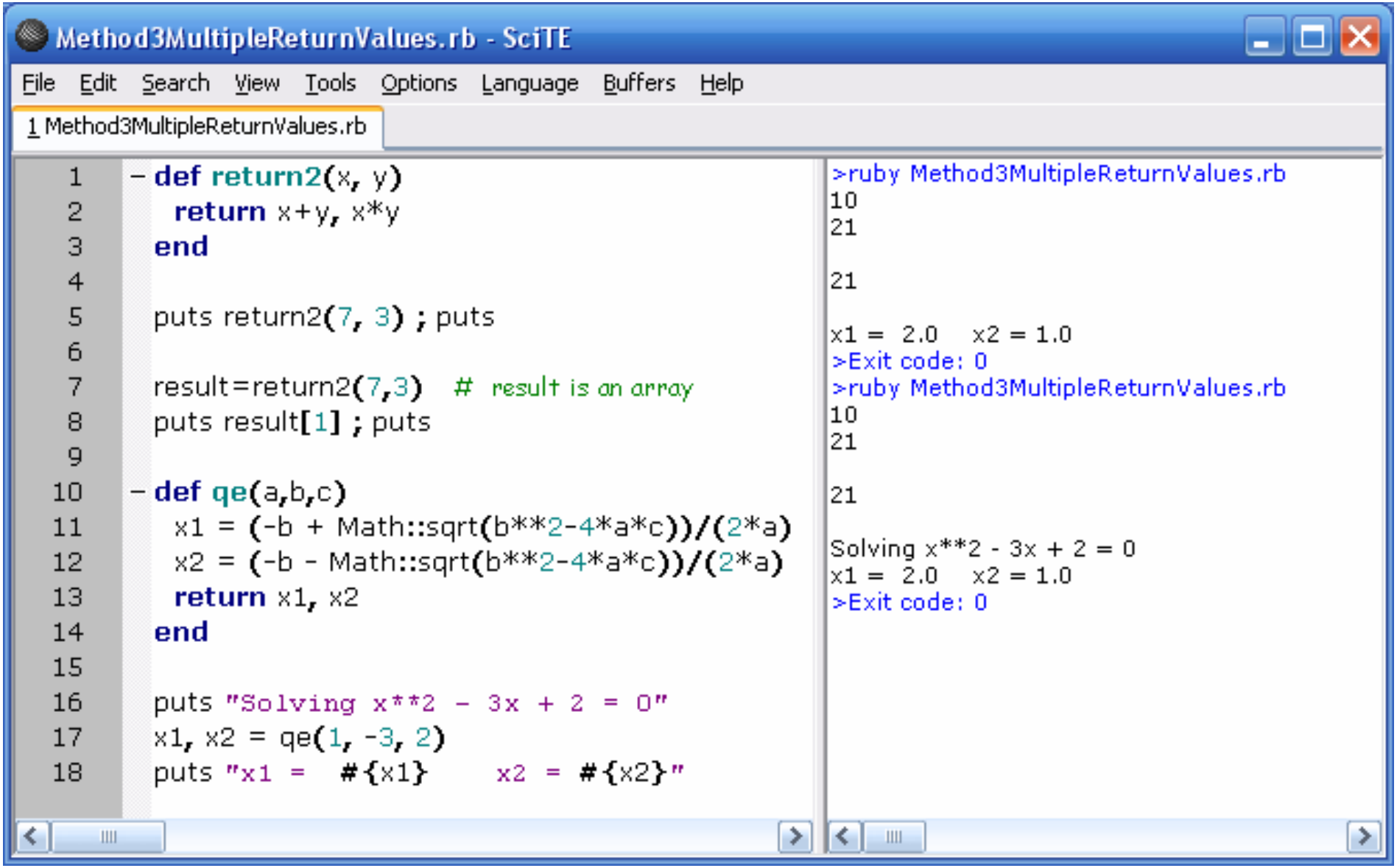
1 Method2DefaultArg.rb
1 def demo(arg1="First", arg2="Second", arg3="Third")
2 arg1 + arg2 + arg3
3 end
4
5 print demo, "\n\n"
6 print demo("Alpha"), "\n\n"
7 print demo("Alpha", "Beta"), "\n\n"
8 print demo("Alpha", "Beta", "Gamma"), "\n\n"
9
10 #Not acceptable: print demo(, "Beta", "Gamma"), "\n\n"
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
21
21
Solving x**2 - 3x + 2 = 0
x1 = 2.0 x2 = 1.0
>Exit code: 0

Using side effects

Method4.rb - SciTE

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1 Method4.rb

```
1  a = ["radar", "madam", "Madam",
2       "amanaplanacanalpanama",
3       "98765432101234567890"]
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

98765432101234567890 is a palindrome

radar is a palindrome

madam is a palindrome

Madam is not a palindrome

amanaplanacanalpanama is a palindrome

98765432101234567890 is a palindrome

TrueClass
ana is a palindrome

NilClass
>Exit code: 0
```

Ruby methods can modify (in situ) and return arrays

Method6RetArray.rb - SciTE

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1 Method6RetArray.rb

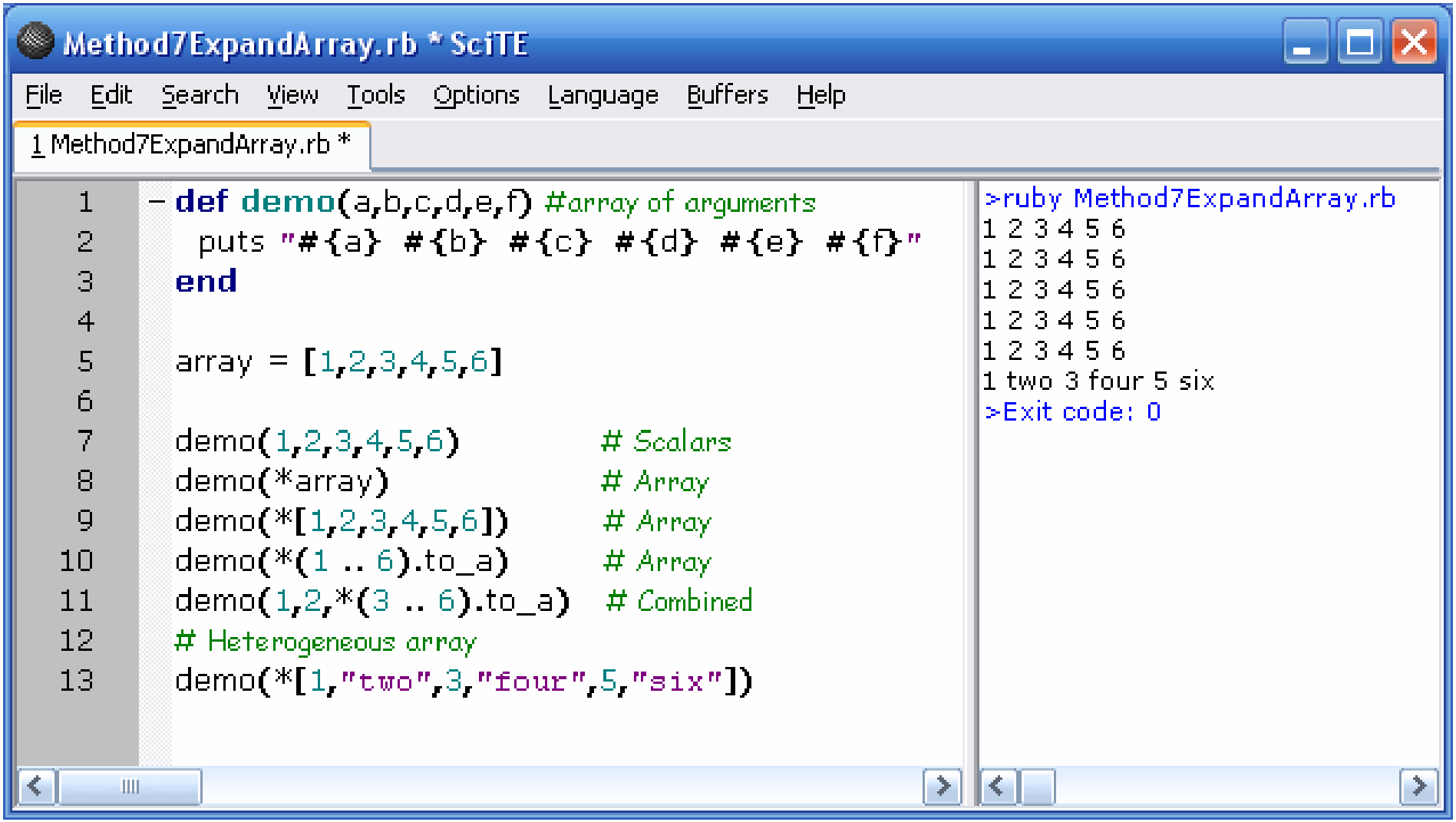
```
1  def square(a) #array of arguments
2    a.length.times{|i| a[i] = a[i]**2}
3    return a
4  end
5
6  def show(a)  # Show an array
7    print "array = "
8    if a.empty? then print "Empty array"
9    else
10     for e in a do  print e , " " end
11   end
12   print "\n\n"
13 end
14
15 array = [1,2,3,4]
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}"
```

```
>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
```

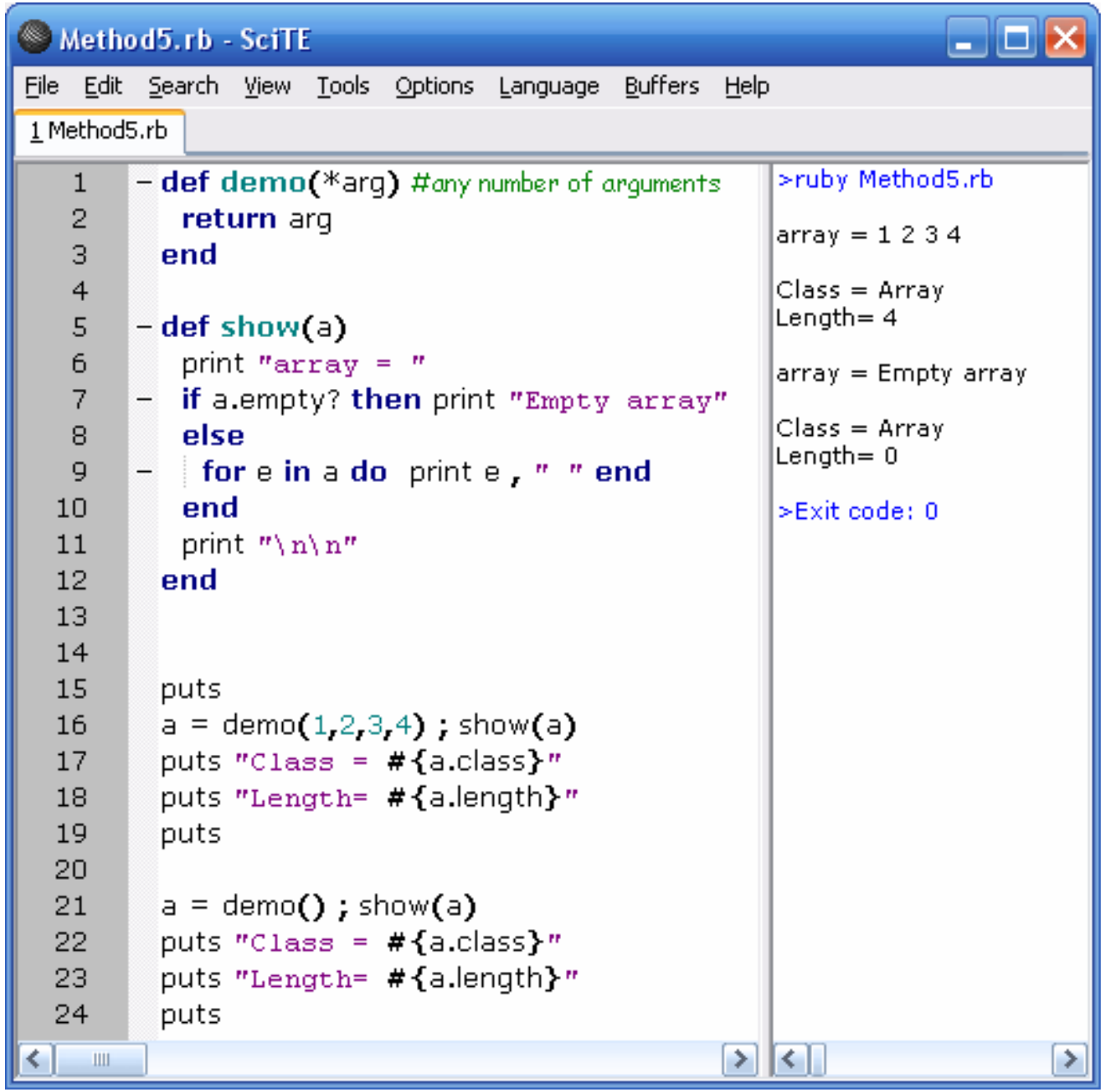
Expanding arrays in method calls

- 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

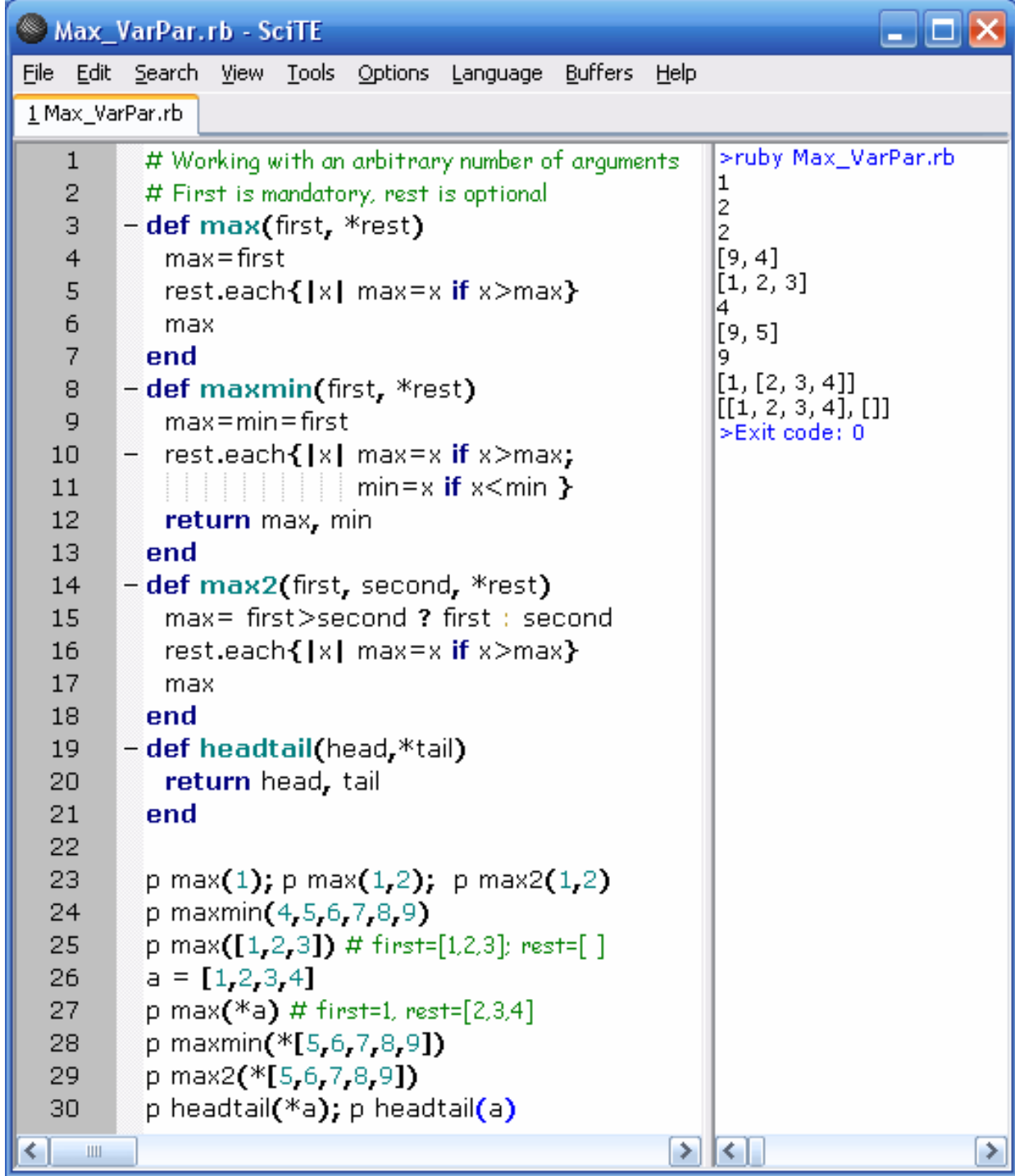


Method with an arbitrary number of arguments: multiple arguments are bundled into an array. A method can return an empty array



*“Splat operator” (*)*

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



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-s]
- 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 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 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

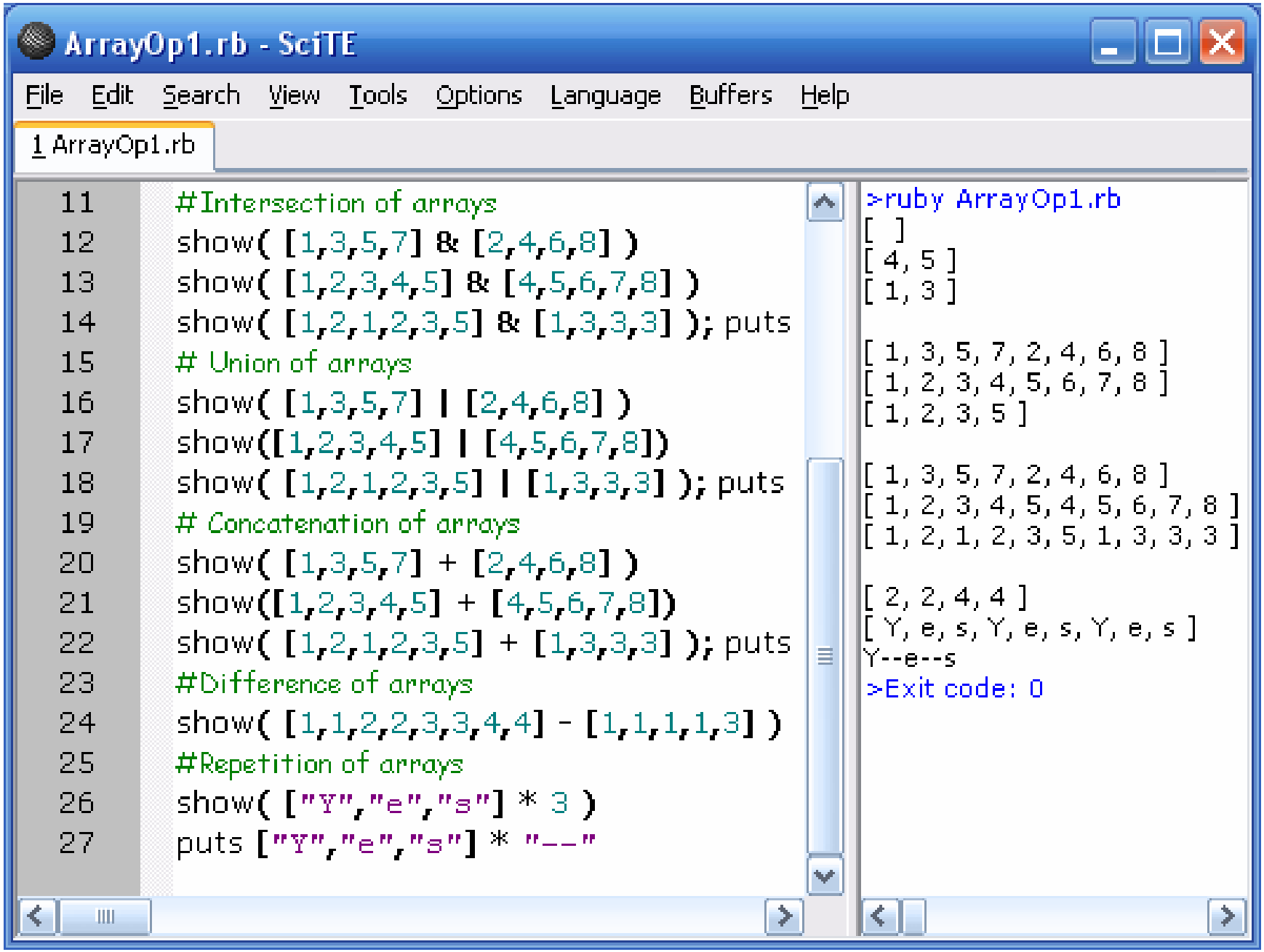
```ruby
def show(a)
  print "[ "
  a.length.times \
  { |i|
    print a[i]
    print ", " if i < a.length-1
  }
  print " ]\n"
end

a=['a', 'b', 'c', 1, 2, 3] ; b = a
show( a ) ;show( b )
puts a[10]
show(a[2,3]) # 3 elements starting from 2
show(a[2 .. 4]); show(a[2 .. 20])
puts a[2]+a[0]+a[1]
show( [ ] )
show( Array.new(5) )
show( Array.new(5, 0) )
show( Array.new(5, "No") )
show( Array.new(5){|k| k} )
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 <=> 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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1 ArrayOp1.rb
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"] * "--"
>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

Array_p.rb * SciTE

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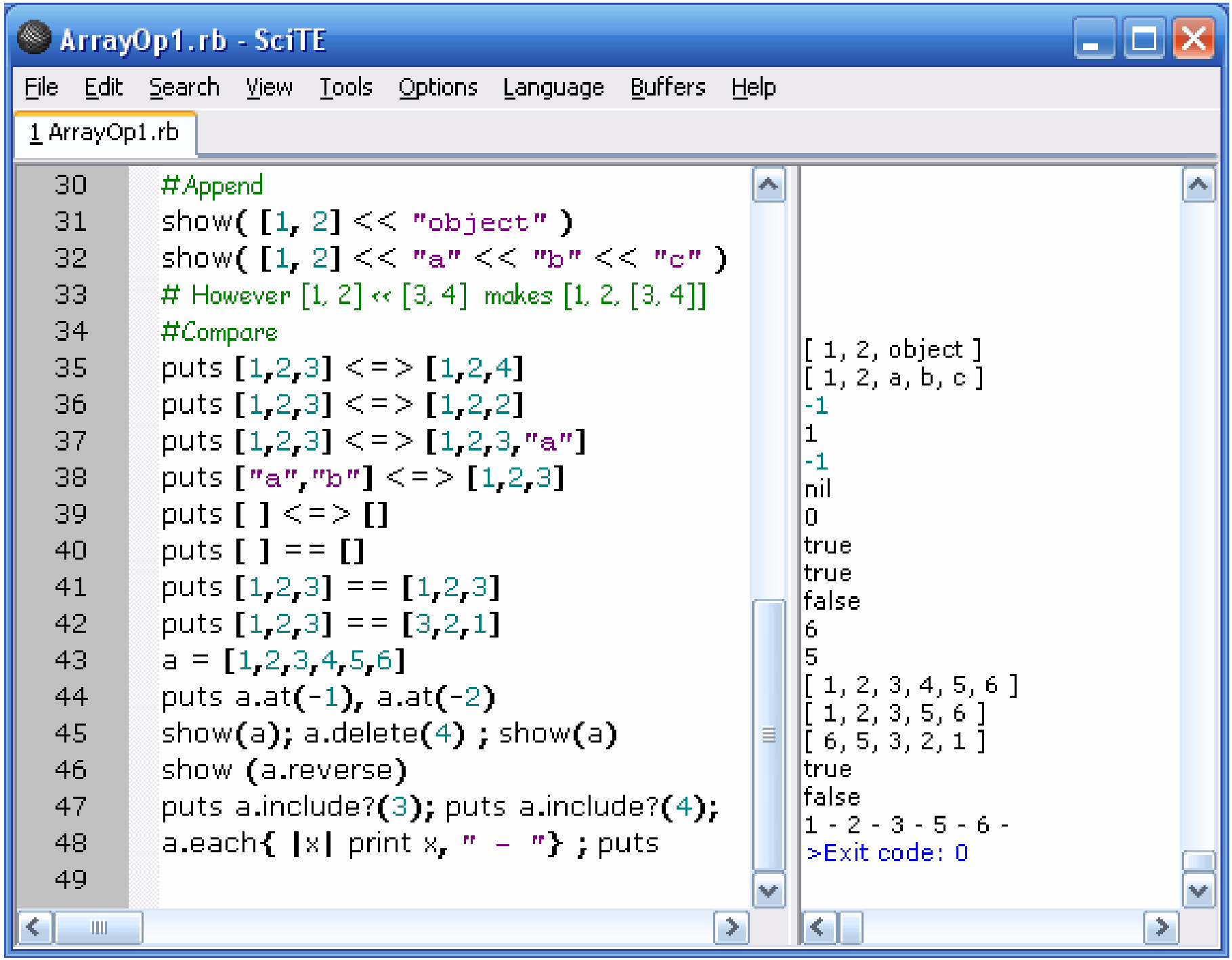
1 Array_p.rb *

```
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']
```

```
>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
```


ArrayOp1.rb - SciTE
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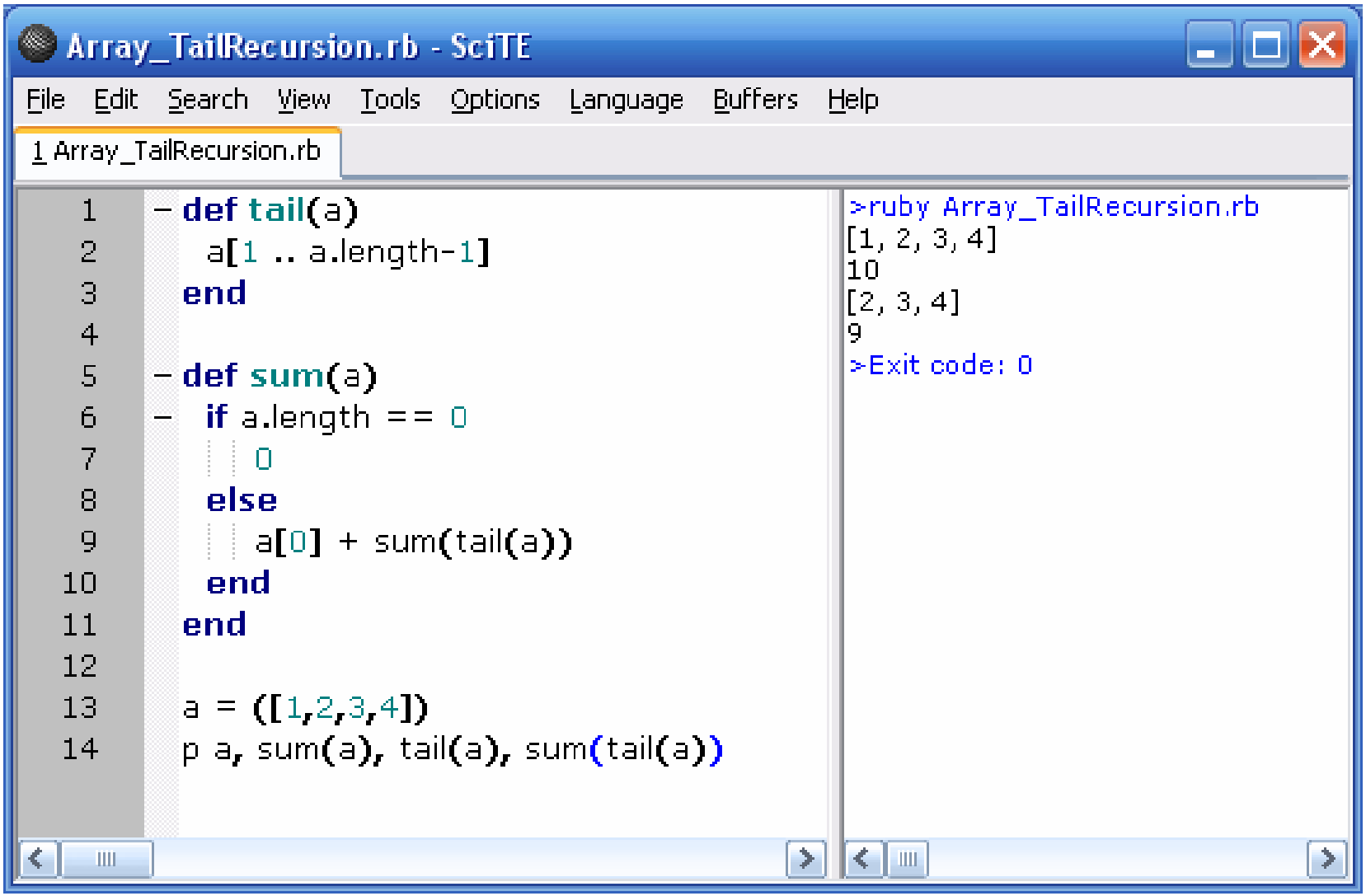
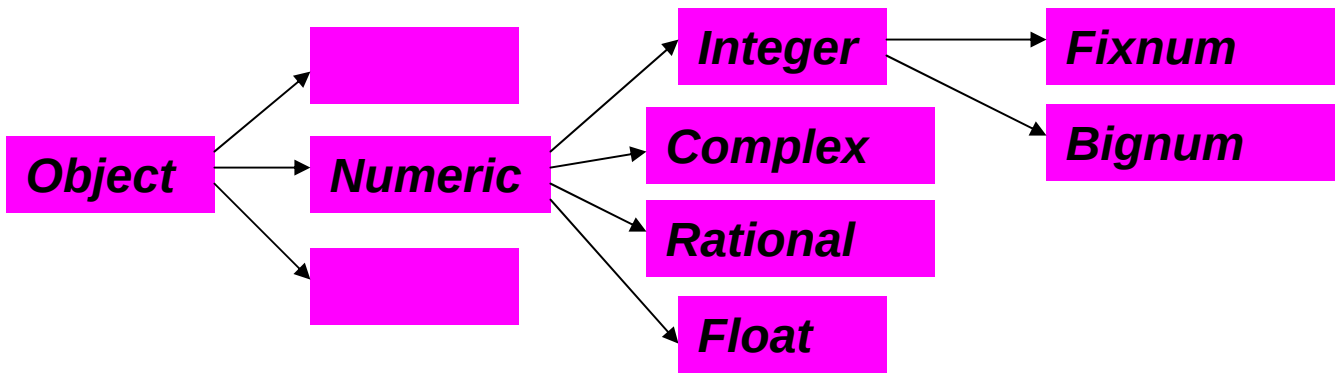
1 ArrayOp1.rb
30 #Append
31 show([1, 2] << "object")
32 show([1, 2] << "a" << "b" << "c")
33 # However [1, 2] << [3, 4] makes [1, 2, [3, 4]]
34 #Compare
35 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,4]
36 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,2]
37 puts [1,2,3] <=> [1,2,3,"a"]
38 puts ["a","b"] <=> [1,2,3]
39 puts [ ] <=> []
40 puts [ ] == []
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



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)

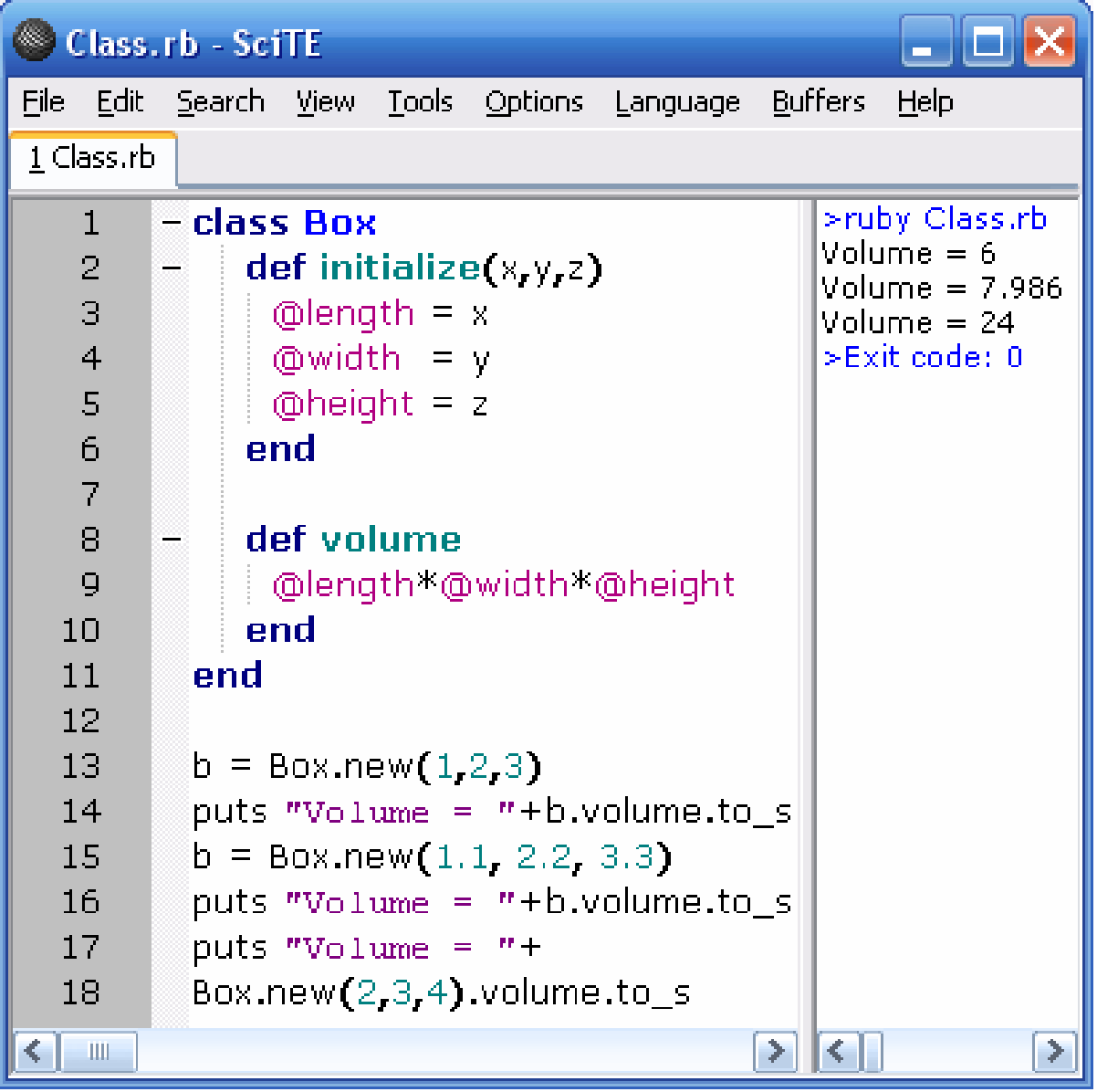


Classes - Syntax

- Basic syntax:

```
class <Classname>
.....
end
```

- Classname must be CONSTANT (i.e. it must beging 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 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).

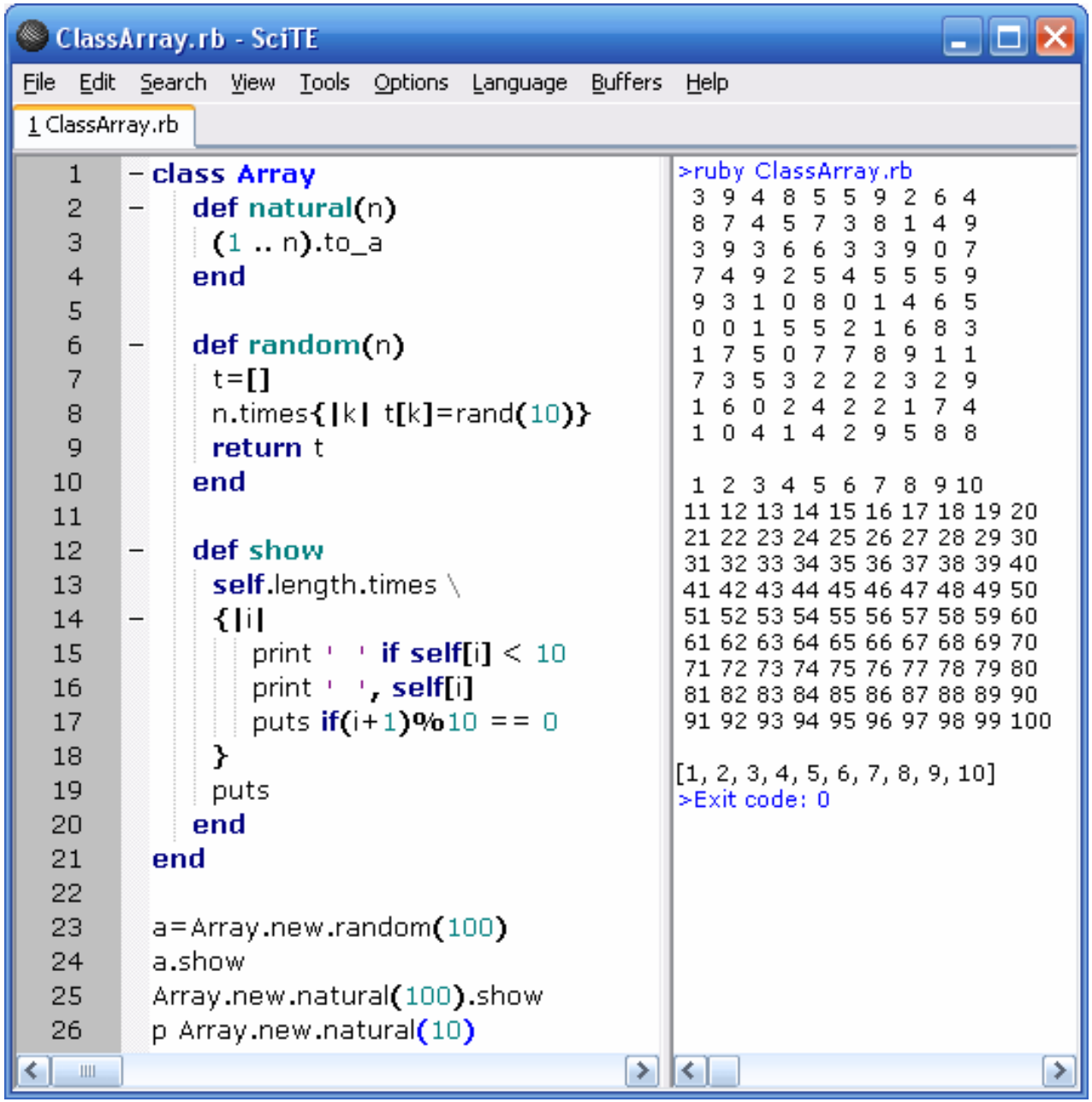
The instance variables are accessible to all class member functions (they act as global variables for the member functions)

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

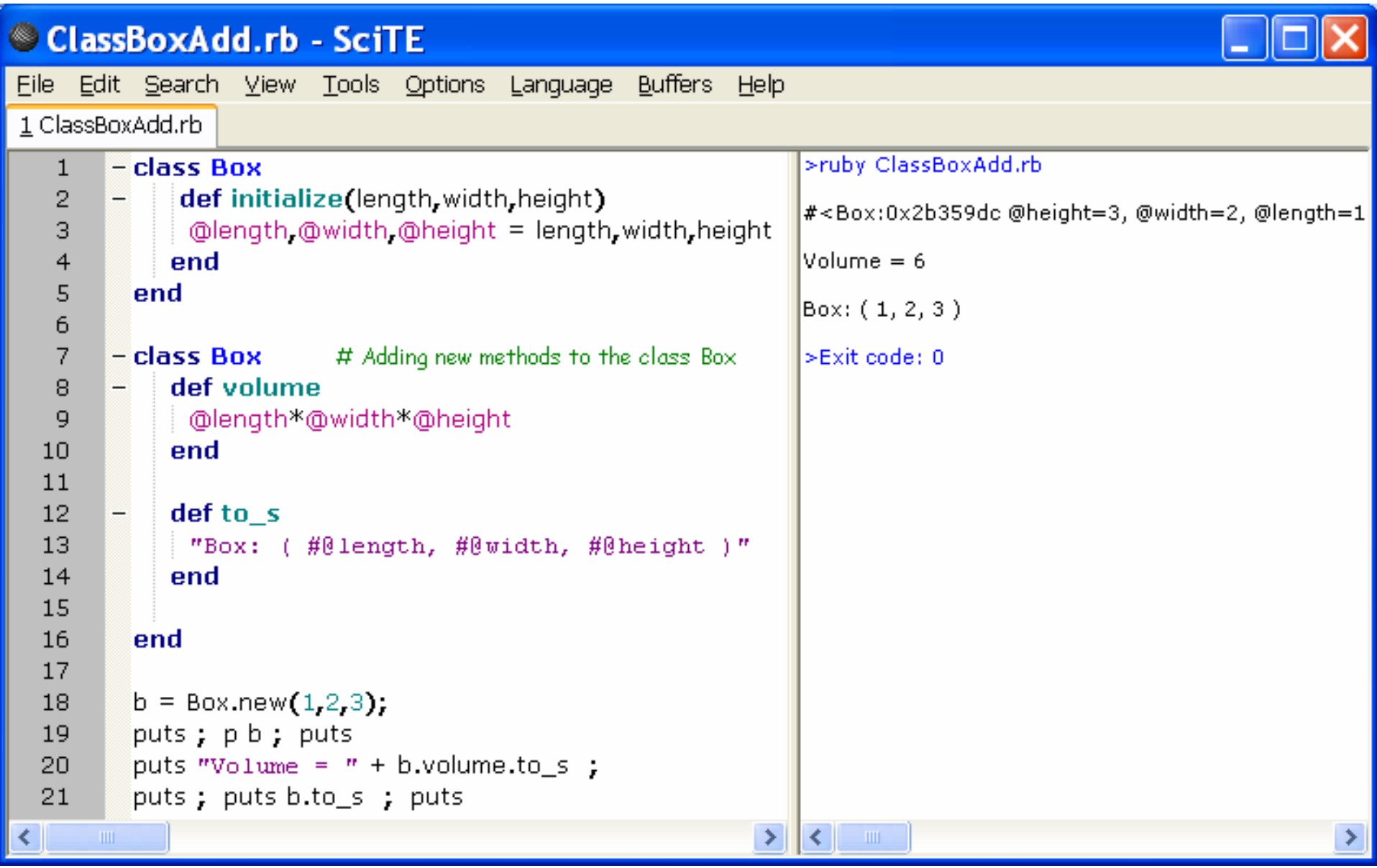


When expanding an existing system class (Array) the initialization of the object is out of reach of user.

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

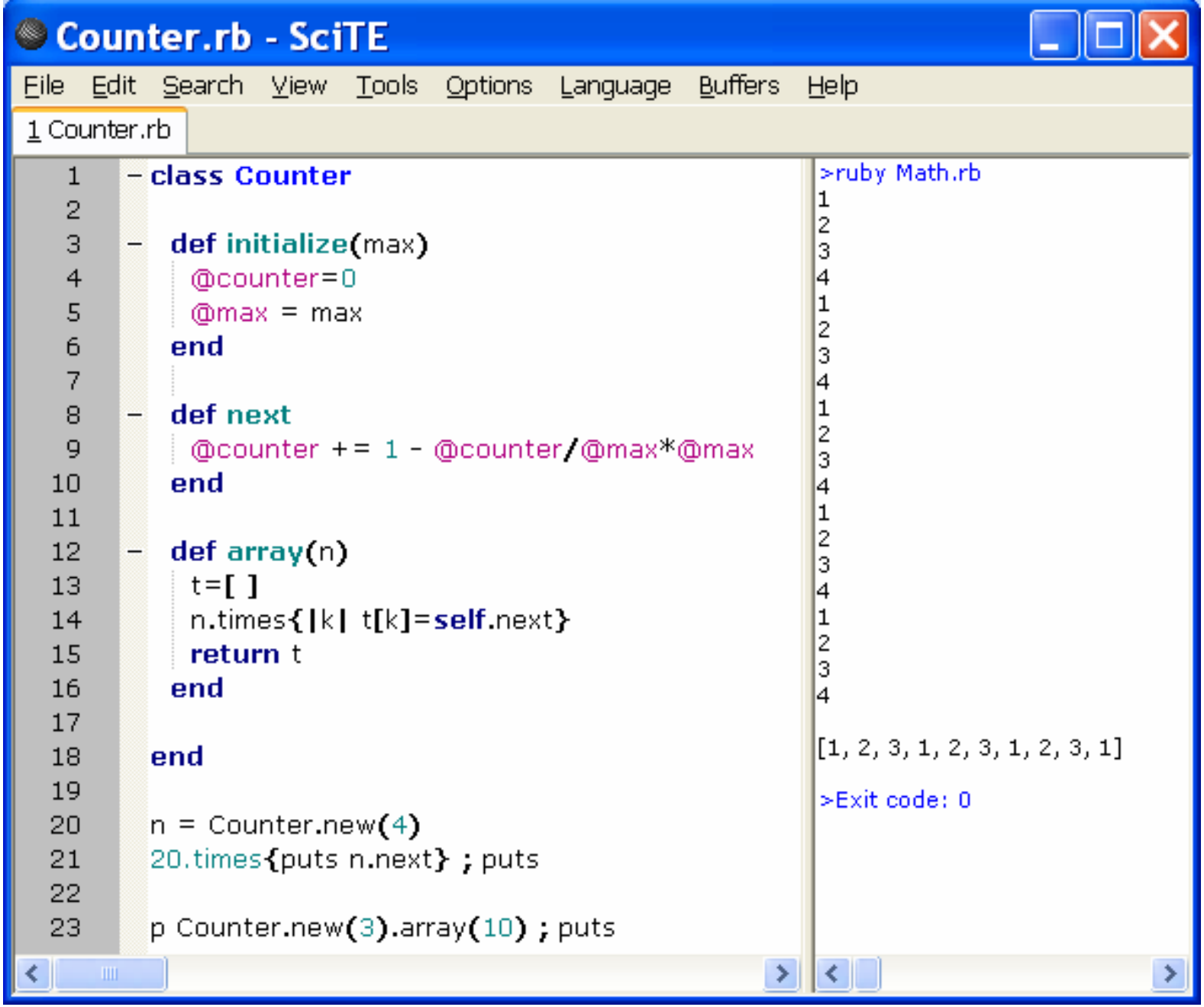
By defining new methods inside existing classes, we can expand and improve existing method libraries and add new functionality.

Incremental build of the class Box



The concept of pseudovariable

- Properties of pseudovariables:
  - They look as all other variables
  - They act as constants (cannot be assigned a value)
- Ruby pseudovariables:
  - **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 NillClass
  - **__FILE__** = name of current source file
  - **__LINE__** = number of current line in the current source file


Counter.rb - SciTE
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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
>ruby Math.rb
1
2
3
4
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 “=“

Getters and setters for the class Box

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1 ClassGetSet.rb

```ruby
class Box

  def initialize(x,y,z)
    @length,@width,@height = x,y,z
  end

  # Getters
  def length
    @length
  end

  def width
    @width
  end

  def height
    @height
  end

  def lwh
    [@length,@width,@height]
  end

  # Setters
  def length=(x)
    @length = x
  end

  def width=(y)
    @width = y
  end

  def height=(z)
    @height = z
  end

  def setLWH(x,y,z)
    @length,@width,@height=x,y,z
  end

end
```

ClassGetSet.rb - SciTE

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1 ClassGetSet.rb

```ruby
b = Box.new(1,2,3)
puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
puts "Width  = "+b.width.to_s
puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
print "L-W-H = " ; p  b.lwh; puts

b.length= 4    # Same as b.length=(4)
b.width= 5     # Same as b.width=(5)
b.height= 6    # Same as b.height=(6)
puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
puts "Width  = "+b.width.to_s
puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
print "L-W-H = " ; p  b.lwh; puts

b.setLWH 7,8,9 # or b.setLWH(7,8,9)
puts "Length = "+b.length.to_s
puts "Width  = "+b.width.to_s
puts "Height = "+b.height.to_s
print "L-W-H = " ; p  b.lwh; puts
```

```
>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”

ClassBoxInstanceMethods.rb * SciTE

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1 ClassBoxInstanceMethods.rb *

```
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
```

```
>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):

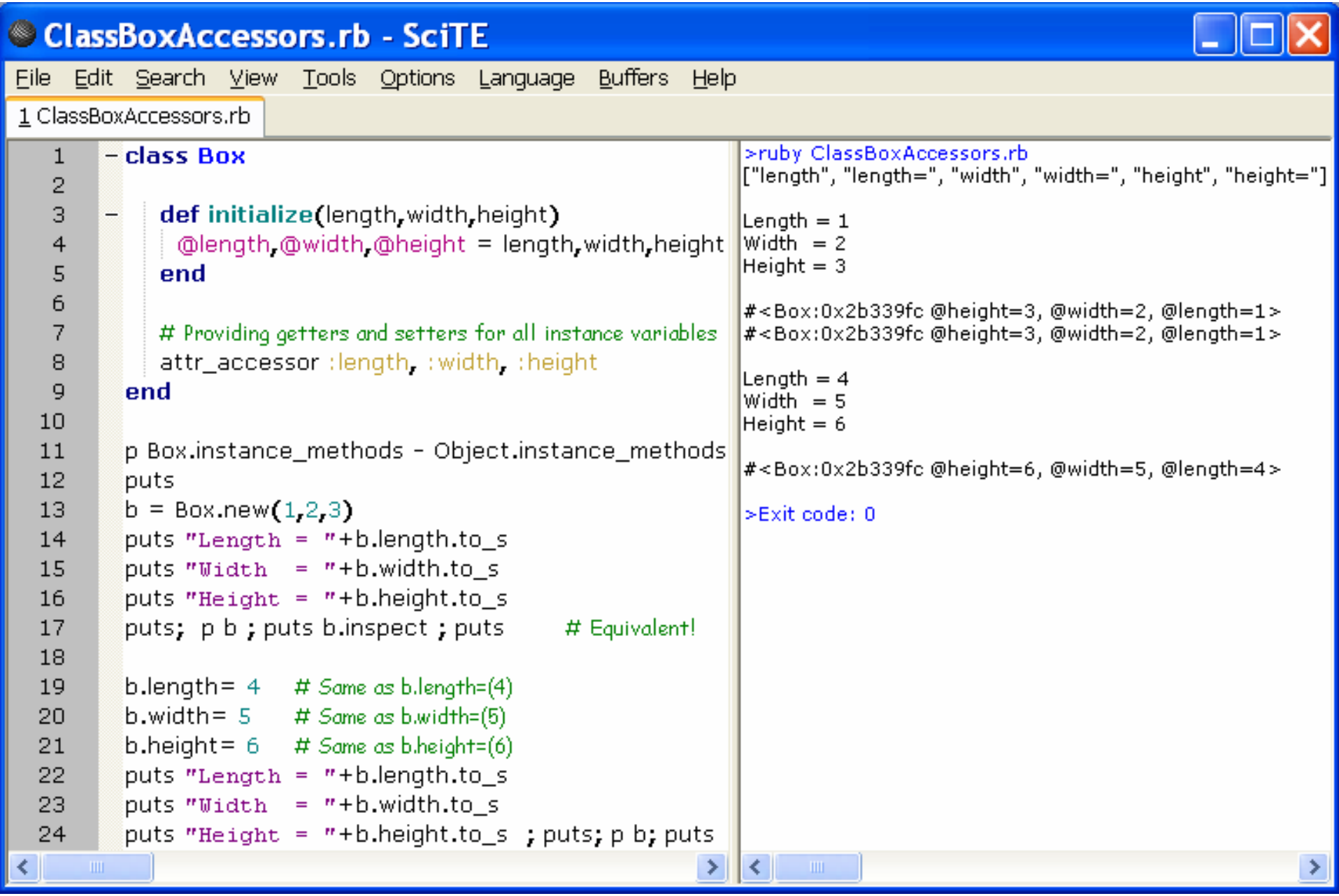
  attr :ivar [, true] => obj.ivar [obj.ivar=]

  attr_reader :ivar => obj.ivar

  attr_writer :ivar => obj.ivar=

  attr_accessor :ivar => obj.ivar , obj.ivar=

- attr_accessor is a general solution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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

In a special case the initializer can be used without arguments

ClassBoxAccessorsNoInit.rb * SciTE

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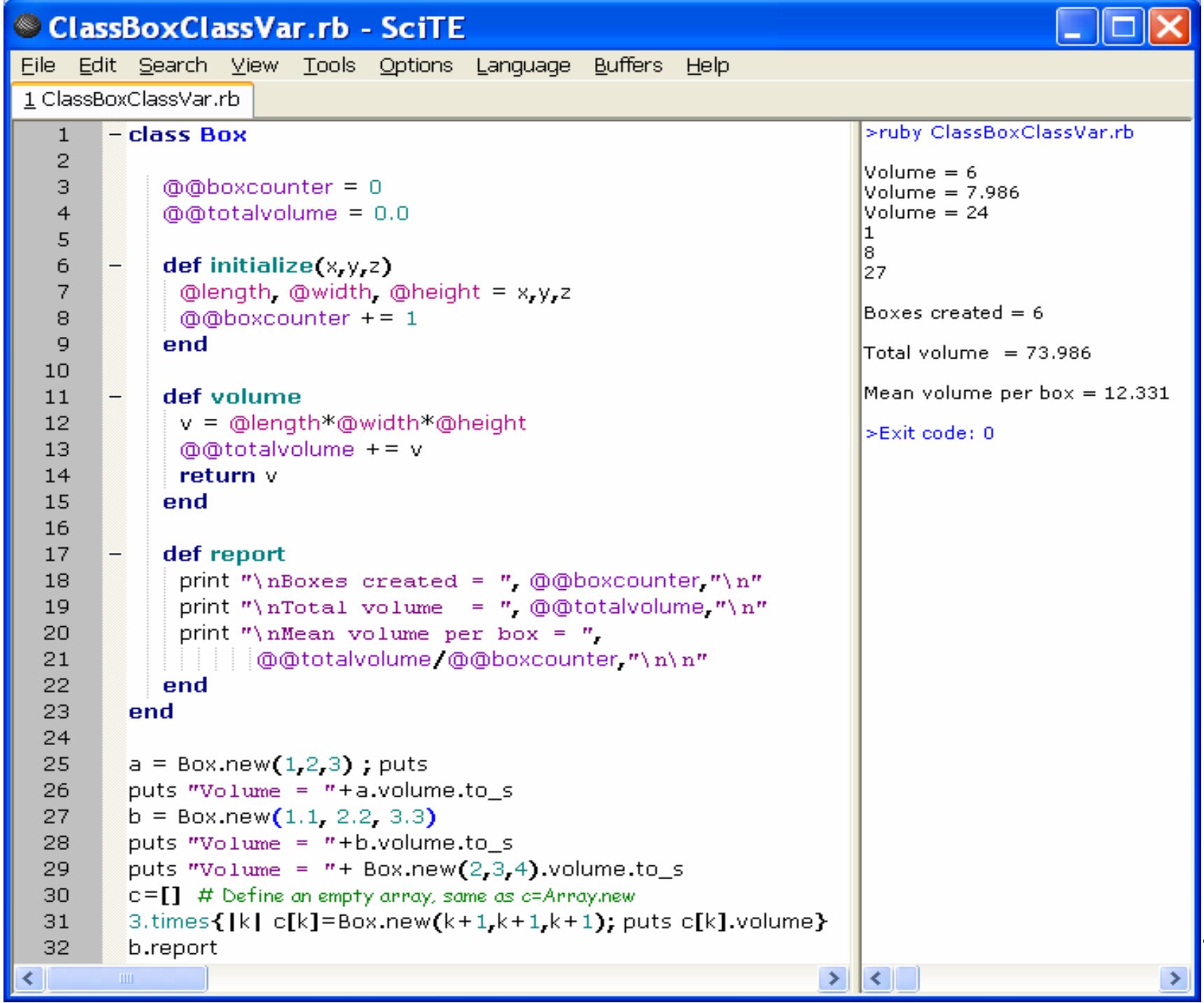
1 ClassBoxAccessorsNoInit.rb *

```
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


ClassBoxClassVar.rb - SciTE
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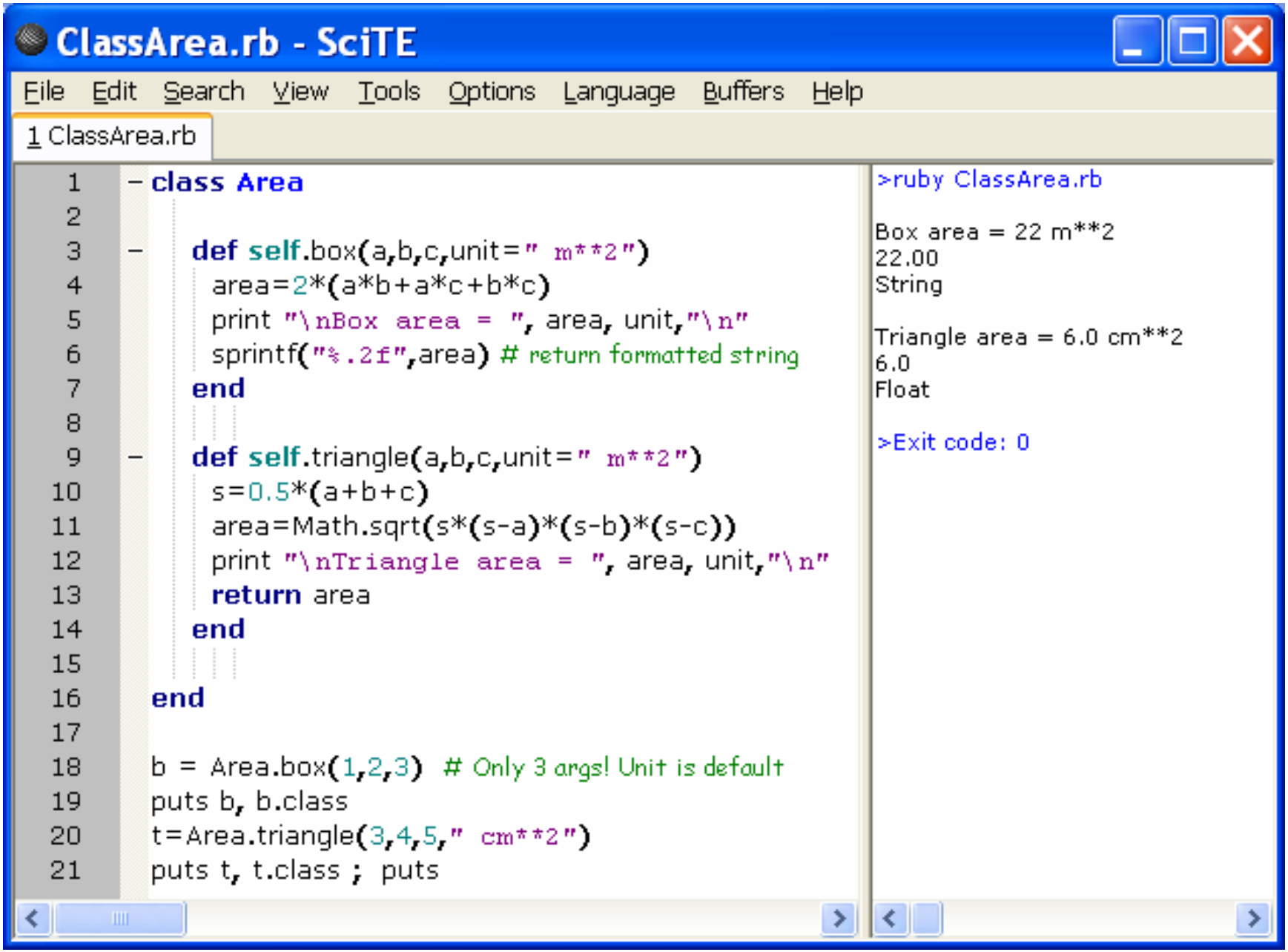
1 ClassBoxClassVar.rb
class Box
@@boxcounter = 0
@@totalvolume = 0.0
def initialize(x,y,z)
@length, @width, @height = x,y,z
@@boxcounter += 1
end
def volume
v = @length*@width*@height
@@totalvolume += v
return v
end
def report
print "\nBoxes created = ", @@boxcounter,"\n"
print "\nTotal volume = ", @@totalvolume,"\n"
print "\nMean volume per box = ",
@@totalvolume/@@boxcounter,"\n\n"
end
end
a = Box.new(1,2,3) ; puts
puts "Volume = "+a.volume.to_s
b = Box.new(1.1, 2.2, 3.3)
puts "Volume = "+b.volume.to_s
puts "Volume = "+ Box.new(2,3,4).volume.to_s
c=[] # Define an empty array, same as c=Array.new
3.times{|k| c[k]=Box.new(k+1,k+1,k+1); puts c[k].volume}
b.report
>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
>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)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1 ClassArea.rb
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
>ruby ClassArea.rb
Box area = 22 m**2
22.00
String
Triangle area = 6.0 cm**2
6.0
Float
>Exit code: 0

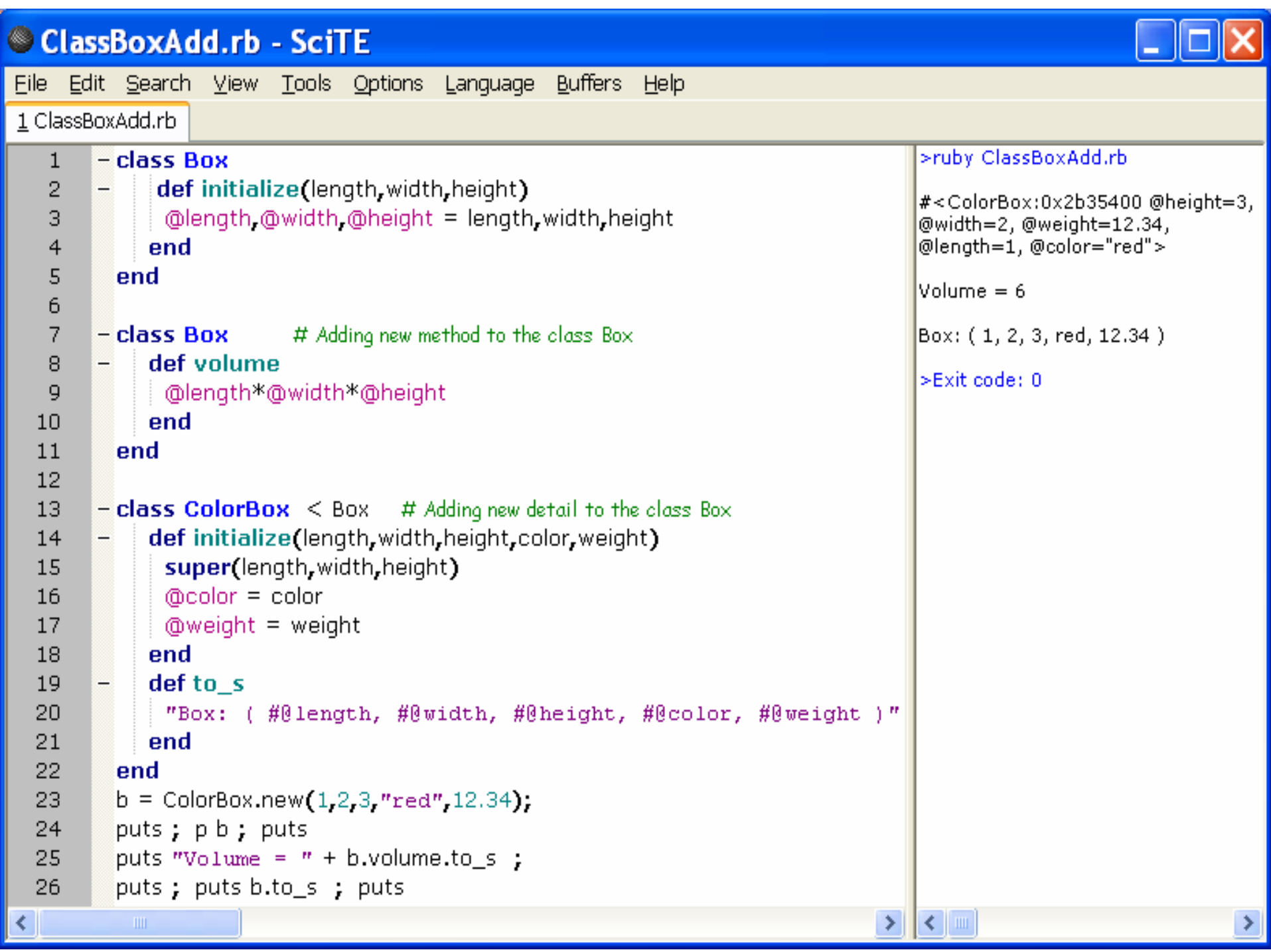
Inheritance

- 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


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 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
```

AccessControl_2.rb * SciTE

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1 AccessControl_1.rb 2 AccessControl_2.rb *

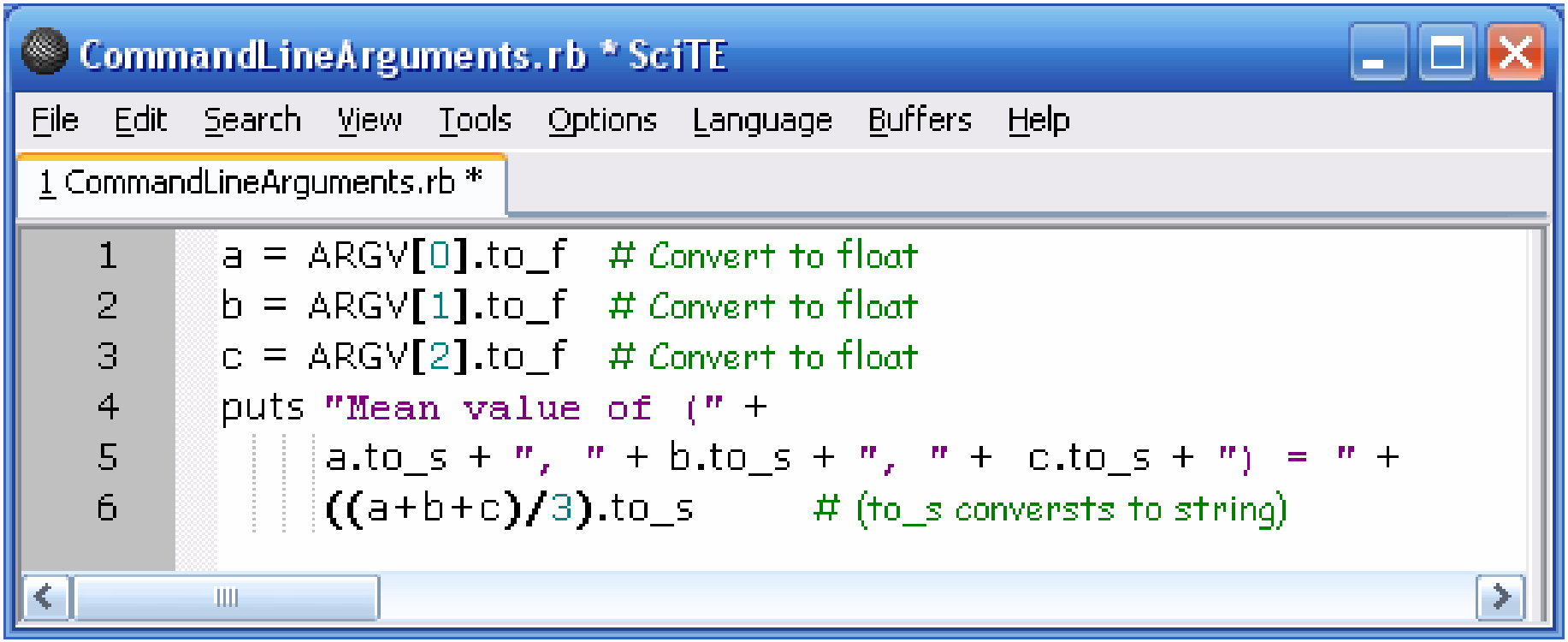
```
1  class Demo
2    def method1  # Public by default
3        #####
4    end
5
6    def method2
7        #####
8    end
9
10   def method3
11       #####
12   end
13
14   def method4
15       #####
16   end
17
18   public      :method1, :method4
19   protected   :method2
20   private     :method3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

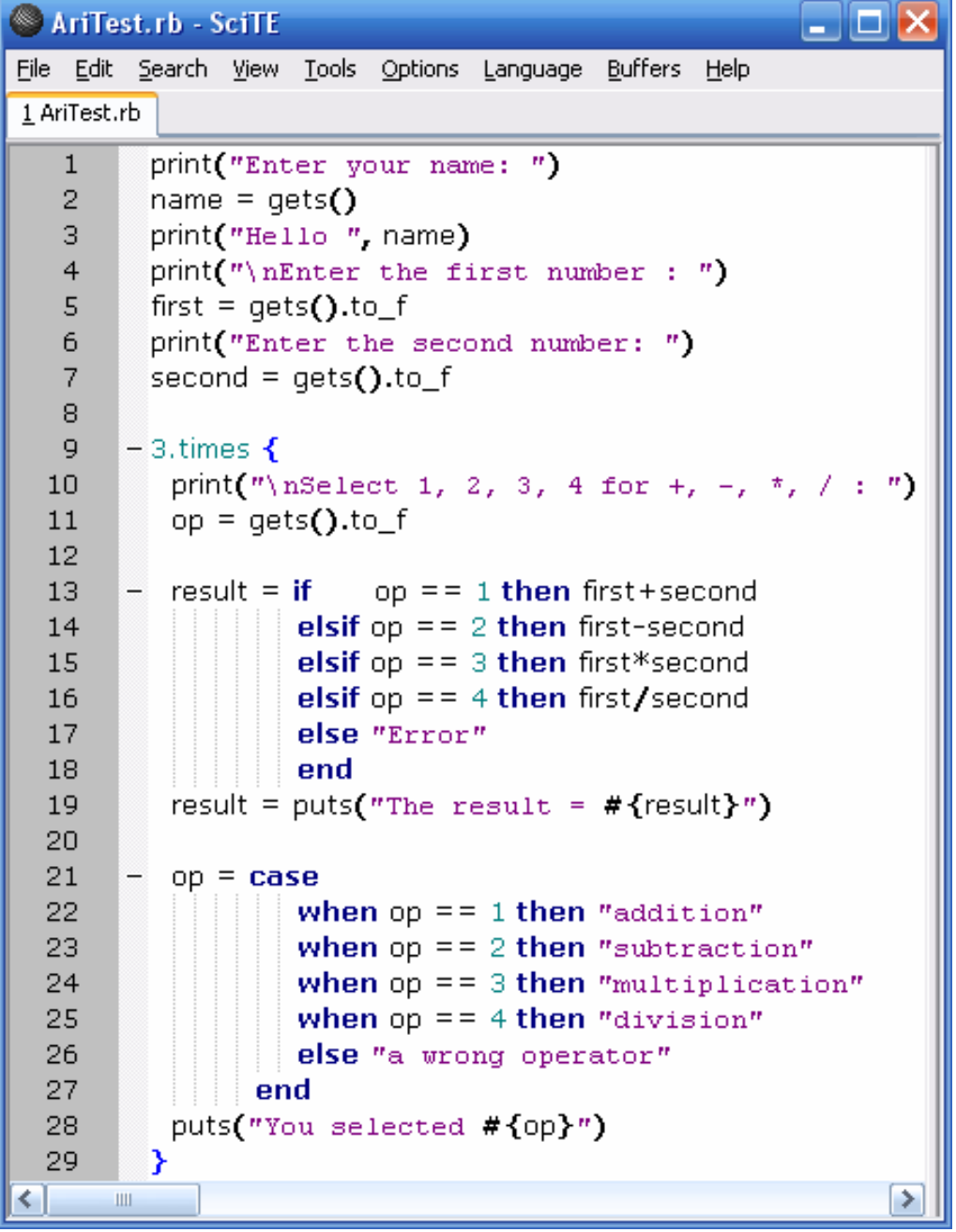
Using command line arguments

- Program file CommndLineArguments.rb:



- Execution in the command prompt mode:

```
>ruby CommandLineArguments.rb  1  4  5
Mean value of (1.0, 4.0, 5.0) = 3.33333333333333
```




```
>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

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1 AriTest1.rb

```ruby
print "Enter your name: "       # NO PARENTHESES
name = gets
print "Hello ", name
print "\nEnter the first number : "
first = gets.to_f
print "Enter the second number: "
second = gets.to_f

3.times {
  print "\nSelect 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, *, / : "
  op = gets.to_f

  result = if     op == 1 then first+second
           elsif op == 2 then first-second
           elsif op == 3 then first*second
           elsif op == 4 then first/second
           else "Error"
           end
  result = puts("The result = #{result}")

  op = case
           when op == 1 then "addition"
           when op == 2 then "subtraction"
           when op == 3 then "multiplication"
           when op == 4 then "division"
           else "a wrong operator"
       end
  puts "You selected #{op}"
}
```

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t.rb

```ruby
print("Enter your name: ")
name = gets()
print("Hello ", name)
print("\nEnter the first number : ")
first = gets().to_f
print("Enter the second number: ")
second = gets().to_f

3.times {
  print("\nSelect 1, 2, 3, 4 for +, -, *, / : ")
  op = gets().to_f

  result = if     op == 1 then first+second
           elsif op == 2 then first-second
           elsif op == 3 then first*second
           elsif op == 4 then first/second
           else "Error"
           end
  result = puts("The result = #{result}")

  op = case
           when op == 1 then "addition"
           when op == 2 then "subtraction"
           when op == 3 then "multiplication"
           when op == 4 then "division"
           else "a wrong operator"
       end
  puts("You selected #{op}")
}
```

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

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1 Math.rb

```
1  # General recognzers
2  p ZERO=0.0
3  p INF=1.0/0.0
4  p NAN=0.0/0.0
5  p ZERO.zero?
6  p 0.zero?
7  p 1.nonzero?
8  p 11.integer?
9  p 1.0.integer?
10 p INF.finite?
11 p ZERO.finite?
12 p NAN.finite?
13 p INF.infinite?
14 p -INF.infinite?
15 p NAN.infinite?
16 p NAN.nan?
17 p ZERO.nan?
18 p INF.nan?
19 # Sign
20 p -1.23 <=> 0
21 p  0.0 <=> 0
22 p 1.23 <=> 0
```

```
>ruby Math.rb
0.0
Infinity
NaN
true
true
1
true
false
false
true
false
1
-1
nil
true
false
false
-1
0
1
>Exit code: 0
```

Rational.rb - SciTE

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1 Rational.rb

```
1  require "rational" #load library
2  require "mathn"    #load library
3  p x = 1/2
4  p y = Rational(1,3)
5  p z = x + y
6  p z = 1/z
7  p x*z
8  p penny = 1/100
9  p nickel = 5/100
10 p dime = 10/100
11 p quarter = 25/100
12 p quarter+dime+nickel+penny
13 p 4*quarter
14 p 20*nickel <=> 10*dime
15 p 1/2/3
16 p 1/2/3/4
17 p 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9
18 p 81/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9
19
```

```
>ruby Rational.rb
1/2
1/3
5/6
6/5
3/5
1/100
1/20
1/10
1/4
41/100
1
0
1/6
1/24
1/362880
1/4480
>Exit code: 0
```

Accurate time measurement

TimeTest.rb - SciTE

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1 TimeTest.rb

```
1   puts "\nTime for measuring Time.now"
2   n=1000000
3   t1 = Time.now
4   for i in 1 .. n
5     t2=Time.now
6   end
7   print "Time.now = ", t2-t1, " microsec\n"
8   print t2.to_f - t1.to_f, "\n\nto_f is not necessary\n\n"
9
10  t3 = Time.now  # More accurate measurement
11  for i in 1 .. n
12    t4=Time.now; t4=Time.now
13  end
14  print "Time.now = ", (t4-t3)-(t2-t1), " microsec\n\n"
15
16  def second  # 1 sec delay loop
17    t1=Time.now
18    while Time.now-t1<1.0 do end
19  end
20
21  t1 = Time.now
22    second
23  t2 = Time.now
24  print "Delay = ", t2.to_f - t1.to_f, " sec\n\n"
```

```
>ruby TimeTest.rb

Time for measuring Time.now
Time.now = 3.437 microsec
3.43700003623962

to_f is not necessary

Time.now = 3.282 microsec

Delay = 1.0 sec

>Exit code: 0
>ruby TimeTest.rb

Time for measuring Time.now
Time.now = 3.421 microsec
3.4210000038147

to_f is not necessary

Time.now = 3.283 microsec

Delay = 1.0 sec

>Exit code: 0
```

Matrix operations

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1 MMult.rb *

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

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1 Complex.rb

```
require 'complex'
def x1(a,b,c)
  (-b + Math.sqrt(b**2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
end
def x2(a,b,c)
  (-b - Math.sqrt(b**2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a)
end
def qe(a,b,c,x)
  a*x*x + b*x + c
end
def  test1(a,b,c)
  qe(a,b,c,x1(a,b,c))
end
def test2(a,b,c)
  qe(a,b,c,x2(a,b,c))
end
def d(s,c)  # Display string and complex number
  puts s+" = "+c.to_s
end
a  = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("a", a)
b  = Complex(0.0 , 0.0); d("b", b)
c  = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("c", c); puts
d("x1",x1(a,b,c)); d("t1",test1(a,b,c))
d("x2",x2(a,b,c)); d("t2",test2(a,b,c)); puts
a  = Complex(1.0 , 0.0); d("a", a)
b  =-Complex(1.0 , 1.0); d("b", b)
c  = Complex(0.0 , 1.0); d("c", c); puts
d("x1",x1(a,b,c)); d("t1",test1(a,b,c))
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/cgikit/index_en.html