



Ruby 101

Intermediate Ruby: Modules and Mixins

Modules:

Groups of classes, methods, attributes, constants

Accessible via *Module_Name::*

Can be included into another object or class

Provide namespace separation



Module Definition:

```
module ModuleName  
  MY_CONSTANT = 1  
end
```

ModuleName::MY_CONSTANT

OR

```
include ModuleName  
MY_CONSTANT
```



Module Nesting:

```
module ModuleName
  MY_CONSTANT = 1
  module InnerModule
  end
end

module ModuleName::InnerModule
end
```



Module Nesting:

```
module ModuleName
  class SpecialClass
  end
end
```

```
my_instance = ModuleName::SpecialClass.new
```



Intermediate Ruby:

Mixin:

```
include module_name
```

```
class MyClass  
  include ModuleName  
  def const  
    MY_CONSTANT  
  end  
end
```

```
a = MyClass.new  
a.const
```



Module methods:

```
module MyModule
  MY_CONSTANT = 1
  def my_instance_method
    :instance_method
  end
  def self.my_class_method #sometimes module method
    :class_method
  end
end
```

```
MyModule::my_class_method
MyModule::MY_CONSTANT
include MyModule
my_instance_method
MY_CONSTANT
```



Extend: Access instance methods

```
module MyModule
  def my_instance_method
    :instance_method
  end
  def self.my_class_method #sometimes module method
    :class_method
  end
end

module MySecondMod
  extend MyModule
  def self.new_method
    my_instance_method
  end
end
```

