

## Ruby 101

Ruby Basics: Variables

### **Variables**

- Like in Algebra
- Value can change
- Can be used in complex statements



### Variable Assignment

- my\_variable = 1000
- a = "Hello World"
- @temperature = 200



#### Variable Names

- must start with lowercase letter
- can have underscores \_
- descriptive names
- avoid keywords of ruby
  - for, if, end, do, etc





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### Variable Scope

- Can be used in certain places
- Local
- Instance
  - @
- Class
  - @@
- Global
  - \$



### Changing a variable

• Assign a new value temperature = 200 temperature = 300



### Constants

• Begin with Capital



### Try it yourself:

- Create a variable in irb
- Create a constant in irb
- try to assign a different value to each of them
  - what happens?

