



# May the Source Be with You

Learning Ruby by Reading Ruby Source Code





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I'm a Flash guy



≈ 8 years

also a Ruby guy



≈ 4 years

but not a C guy, yet!

Ruby > Rails

share Ruby learning experiences in  
OpenFoundry and some developer party.

a SHOW-OFF person!



# Learning Ruby by Reading Ruby Source Code

- why read source code?
- how to start?
- anything interesting?
- write a simple Ruby Extension with C.

Why read source code?

see how the Ruby Core Team write Ruby

fun :)

"once you start digging around in someone else's code base, you'll learn a lot about your own strengths and weaknesses" - Ruby Best Practice

<http://blog.rubybestpractices.com/posts/gregory/005-code-reading-stdlib.html>

pre-requirement?



C language

curiosity and enthusiasm

What if I don't have any skill of C?

Just learn it :)

# How to Start?

get Ruby source code

download from **Ruby website**:

<http://www.ruby-lang.org/en/>

or from **github**:

<https://github.com/ruby/ruby>

Ruby Source Code:

- \*.c + \*.h
- \*.rb (Stdlib)



# Tools

- Vim

Ruby 1.9.2 p290

Quick Browsing.. :)

what's a Ruby object?

start from basic structure, like Object,  
Class, String, Array, Hash, Basic...

Object = RObject,  
Class = RClass,  
String = RString,  
Array = RArray,  
Hash = RHash,  
Basic = RBasic

“ruby.h”



“object.c”

Init\_XXXX

class.c#350-354

all Class's class is Class!

class.c#556

rb\_define\_module()

class.c#1170  
rb\_define\_method()

Object.c#2556~2560

Integer(), Float(), String(), Array() are all  
global methods

class.c#1332

`rb_define_global_function()`

= `rb_define_module_method` on kernel

= `rb_define_private_method` on kernel +  
`rb_define_singleton_method` on kernel

“new”



```
class A
  def initialize
    puts "hello"
  end
end
```

```
a = A.new
```

object.c#2624

new ->

rb\_class\_new\_instance ->

rb\_obj\_alloc ->

rb\_obj\_call\_init

to\_s v.s to\_str

String.c#7488

```
rb_define_method(rb_cString, "to_s", rb_str_to_s, 0);  
rb_define_method(rb_cString, "to_str", rb_str_to_s, 0);
```

Array.c#4504

```
rb_define_alias(rb_cArray, "to_s", "inspect");  
but no `to_str`
```

proc.c#2105

how to execute a Proc?

- `proc.call`
- `proc[]`
- `proc === 123`
- `proc.yield`

object.c#2592

- attr
- attr\_reader
- attr\_writer
- attr\_accessor

push v.s <<



array.c#709 (<<)

VALUE

```
rb_ary_push(VALUE ary, VALUE item){  
    rb_ary_modify(ary);  
    return rb_ary_push_1(ary, item);  
}
```

array.c#742 (push)

```
static VALUE  
rb_ary_push_m(int argc, VALUE *argv, VALUE  
ary) {  
    rb_ary_modify(ary);  
    while (argc--) {  
        rb_ary_push_1(ary, *argv++);  
    }  
    return ary;  
}
```

gc.c#3214-3215  
Object's ID

gc.c#2865-2867

How Symbol works?

```
people = {  
  "Eddie" => ["green", "eddie@digik.com.tw"],  
  "Joanne" => ["yellow", "hello@yahoo.com"]  
}
```

```
people.map { |name, (color, email)|  
  puts [name, email]  
}
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```

parse.y#8277-8299 shadowing\_lvar\_gen()

vm\_eval.c#224  
method\_missing

interesting naming :)



ext/ripper/ripper.c#15890

rb\_intern, rb\_intern2, rb\_intern3

array.c#325

rb\_ary\_new, rb\_ary\_new2, ary\_new,  
rb\_ary\_new3, rb\_ary\_new4

# Simple Ruby Extension from Scratch

# Conclusion

from basic structure

and don't be afraid

# References

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<http://patshaughnessy.net/ruby-under-a-microscope>

still not finish..

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Hope can become a  
Jedi Master someday :)

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thank you all :)

any question?



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