

**I. Intro**

- Semantics: the meaning of sentences/languages
- Syntax: the structures of the language
- **Why so many languages?**  
=> There are many programming languages because different languages have been designed to solve specific problems and cater to various requirements

**II. Ruby****1. Comments: Use #****2. Print: Use puts**

```
Example:  puts "hello world!"    #output: hello world!
          puts "abc" "ABC"      #output: abcABC
          puts 3 + 4             #output: 7
          puts 3 + "abc"         #output: TypeError
          puts "abc"*3           #output: abcabcab
          puts 3*"abc"           #output: TypeError
```

**3. Typing**

- Type Checking: The process of determining a variable's type
    - + Dynamic typing: Type checking is performed at runtime
    - + Static typing: Type checking is performed at compile time
  - Explicit/Implicit Typing:
    - + Manifest (explicit): explicitly telling the compiler the type of new variables  
=> Types are associated with variables
    - + Latent (implicit): not needing to give a type to a variable  
=> Types are associated with values
- >>> Ruby uses **dynamic** and **latent** typing

**4. "Primitive" Data Types****1. Integer**

- Arithmetic Operations: +, -, \*, /, % (modulus), \*\* (exponentiation)
- Convert to other data types:
  - + Float:               to\_f               3.to\_f       #3.0
  - + String:             to\_s             3.to\_s       #"3"
  - + Binary String: to\_s(2)           3.to\_s(2)   #"11"
- Bitwise Operations: AND (&), OR (|), XOR (^), NOT (~), left shift (<<), and right shift (>>)
- Hexadecimal and binary representations: 0x and 0b
- Notes: 1\_000\_000 is also Integer

**2. Float** (Similar to Integer)

Notes:

2. and .0 are not valid for floats  
 2.0/2 = 1.0 where 2/2 = 1  
 Instead of doing Math.sqrt(3), we can do 3 \*\* 0.5

**3. String**

- Create strings: Use either single quotes or double quotes
- Concatenation and repetition: str + str and str \* int (int \* str doesn't work)
- String indexing and slicing: str = "Hello world"
  - + Access individual character:       str[4]               # "o"
  - str[20]            # nil
  - + Extract substrings:                str[6..]            # "world"
  - str[0,5]           # "Hello"
  - str[3..7]          # "lo wo"
- Find substrings inside a string: str = "Hello world"
  - str["Hello"]       # "Hello"
  - str["hello"]       # nil
- Escaping characters: quotes("\") and newline(\n) and others
- String methods: length, reverse, upcase, downcase, capitalize, strip, split(String=>Array), include?(string), start\_with?(prefix), end\_with?(prefix), index(substring),...
- Regular expressions
- Interpolation: using #{expression}       "I'm #{2023-2001} years old"
- Note: Strings created by single quotes doesn't allow interpolation
- Convert to numbers: "101".to\_i>101       "101".to\_i(2)>5
- Compare strings: == (<https://medium.com/@khalidh64/difference-between-eql-equal-in-ruby-2ffa7f073532>)

#### 4. Symbol

- Creation: Using a colon followed by the identifier, such as :hello
- Immutable: Their value cannot be changed
- Unique: Two symbols with the same name refer to the same object

#### 5. Array

- Creation: `arr = []` or `arr = [1,2,3]` or `arr = Array.new` or `arr = Array.new(10,1)`
- Indexing: using `arr[index]`, starting at 0
- Slicing: Subarrays can be extracted (similar to String)
- Iteration: By using for loops or using each (<https://mixandgo.com/learn/ruby/each>)  

<code>for i in arr</code>	<code>for i in 0..arr.length-1</code>	<code>arr.each{ x </code>
<code>puts i</code>	<code>puts arr[i]</code>	<code>puts x</code>
<code>end</code>	<code>end</code>	<code>}</code>
- Adding and Deleting methods: `arr = [1,2,3,4]` /Examples below are separately/
  - + **push(element1, element2,...)**: add elements to the end of an array  
`arr.push(5,6)` # => `arr = [1,2,3,4,5,6]`
  - + **pop** or **pop(n)**: remove the (n) last element of an array and return it  
`arr.pop` # => 4  
`arr.pop(2)` # => `[3,4]`
  - + **unshift(element1, element2,...)**: add elements to the beginning of an array  
`arr.unshift(0,1,2)` # => `arr = [0,1,2,1,2,3,4]`
  - + **shift** or **shift(n)**: remove the (n) first element of an array and return it  
`arr.shift` # => 1 (`arr = [2,3,4]`)  
`arr.shift(3)` # => `[1,2,3]` (`arr = [4]`)
  - + **delete(value)**: remove an element from an array based on its value  
`arr.delete(3)` # => 3 (`arr = [1,2,4]`)  
`arr.delete(5)` # => nil (`arr = [1,2,3,4]`)
  - + **delete\_at(index)**: remove an element from an array based on its index  
`arr.delete_at(1)` # => 2 (`arr = [1,3,4]`)
  - + **delete\_if{|x| condition}**: remove elements when condition is true  
`arr.delete_if{|x| x < 3}` # => `arr = [3,4]`
- Dynamic Sizing: `arr = []`  
`arr[5] = 5` # => `arr = [nil,nil,nil,nil,nil,5]`
- Array Operations: `A = [1,2,3,4,5]`      `B = [4,5,6,7,8]`
  - + add: `A + B` # => `[1,2,3,4,5,4,5,6,7,8]`
  - + difference: `A - B` # => `[1,2,3]`      `B - A` # => `[6,7,8]`
  - + union: `A | B` # => `[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]`      `B | A` # => `[4,5,6,7,8,1,2,3]`
  - + intersect: `A & B` # => `[4,5]`
- Some other helpful methods in Array: `arr = [1,2,3,4,5]`
  - + **first**: return the first element of an array (`arr[0]`)  
`arr.first` => 1
  - + **last**: return the last element of an array (`arr[-1]`)  
`arr.last` => 5
  - + **length** or **size**: return the number of elements in an array  
`arr.length` => 5      `arr.size` => 5
  - + **empty?**: return true if the array is empty, false otherwise  
`arr.empty?` => false
  - + **include?(element)**: return true if the array has element, false otherwise  
`arr.include?(3)` => true      `arr.include?(10)` => false
  - + **index(element)**: return the index of the first occurrence, nil if not found  
`arr.index(4)` => 3      `arr.index(10)` => nil
  - + **sort** or **sort!**: sort the array
  - + **reverse** or **reverse!**: reverse the array
  - + **each{}**: iterate every element without changing the array  
`sum = 0; arr.each{|x| sum += x}; puts sum` # output: 15
  - + **find{}**: return the first element for which code block returns true  
`arr.find{|x| x % 2 == 0}` # => 2
  - + **select{}** or **select!{}**: return a new array containing all elements of the original array for which the block returns  
`arr.select!{|x| x % 2 == 1}` # `arr = [1,3,5]`
  - + **map{}** or **map!{}**: returns a new array containing the results of running a block on each element of the original array  
`arr.map!{|x| x**2}` # `arr = [1,4,9,16,25]`
  - + **join(Array=>String)**: convert the array into a string  
`str = arr.join(",")` # => `str = "1,2,3,4,5"`

Note: Methods with ! will change the original array instead of creating new one

## 6. Hash

- Definition: Hash is an unordered collection of key-value pairs
- Creation: Using {} or Hash class constructor  
h = {} or h = {"a"=>1} or h = Hash.new or h = Hash.new(default)
- Indexing: Access value of a hash by using hash[key]  
Example:

```
h1 = Hash.new
h2 = Hash.new 0
puts h1["hello"] #output: nil
puts h2["hello"] #output: 0
```
- Adding: h[key] = value  
Note: if key already exists, then the new value will be assigned to old key
- Deleting: h = {"a"=>1, "b"=>2, "c"=>2}  
+ delete(key): h.delete("b") # => h = {"a"=>1, "c"=>2}  
+ delete\_if{|key,value| condition}: delete when condition is true  
h.delete\_if{|k,v| v == 2} # => h = {"a"=>1}
- Some helpful methods in Hash: h = {"a"=>1, "b"=>2, "c"=>3}  
+ each{}: iterate over the key-value pairs of a hash  
sum = 0; h.each{|k,v| sum += v}; puts sum #output: 6  
Note: h.each{|x| ...} will iterate the hash like an array  
+ keys: return an array of all keys in hash  
+ values: return an array of all values in hash  
+ length: return the number of key-value pairs in a hash  
puts h.length #output: 3  
+ has\_key?(key): return true if a hash has a given key, false otherwise  
+ has\_value?(value): return true if a hash has a given value  
+ merge(Hash): merge two hash into a single hash, giving priority to the values of the second hash in case of overlapping keys.  
k = {"a"=>10, "d"=>4}  
puts h.merge(k) #output: {"a"=>10, "b"=>2, "c"=>3, "d"=>4}  
puts k.merge(h) #output: {"a"=>1, "d"=>4, "b"=>2, "c"=>3}  
+ select{|key,value| condition}: returns a new hash that includes only the key-value pairs that meet a certain condition  
+ reject{|key,value| condition}: similar to select, pairs fails condition  
+ sort, to\_a(Hash => Array), invert, fetch,...

## 7. Boolean

- A boolean value is either true or false
- ALL values in Ruby are evaluated to true, EXCEPT for false and nil  
Note: FalseClass and NilClass do not evaluate to false  
if 0; puts "hello"; end #output: "hello"  
if nil; put "hello"; end #output: (nothing)  
if NilClass; put "hello"; end #output: "hello"

## 5. Control Flow

### 1. if-else statement

```
if condition
  statements
elsif condition
  statements
else
```

Note: **unless condition** is equivalent to **if !condition**

We can do something like:      a = 10 if false      #a = nil (or previous value)  
   a = 10 unless false      #a = 10

### 2. for loop: executes a block of code for each element in a collection

```
for i in collection; statements; end
```

### 3. while loop: executes a block of code while a certain condition is true

```
while condition; statements; end
```

### 4. case-when (switch-case):

```
case var
when value_1; statement #Note: can enter a new line instead of using ;
when value_2; statement
...
else; statement #Default statement (optional)
end
```

### 5. others:

until: similar to while but stop when condition is true

each: (0..5).each do |i|; puts i; end #Notes: (0..5) is Range in Ruby

#Note: (0..5) has integer values from 0 to 5 (inclusive), while (0...5) is from 0 to 4

## 6. Functions

- Method definition: using def keyword, followed by the method name and parameters  
Example: 

```
def greet(name)
  puts "Hello, #{name}!"
end
```
- Method call: like other languages. Example: `greet("Henry")` #Note:() are optional
- Return value: by default, the last expression in a method is the return value  
You can also explicitly return a value using the return keyword  
Example: `puts greet("Henry").class` #output: NilClass (since puts return nil)
- Default parameters: You can provide default values for parameters in case they are not passed in when the method is called  

```
def greet(name = "World")
  puts "Hello, #{name}!"
end
greet("Henry")      #output: Hello, Henry!
greet                #output: Hello, World!
```
- Variable number of arguments: by using \*  

```
def sum(*num); puts num.class; end
sum(1,2,3,4,5)      #output: Array
```
- Block: call block using yield keyword

## 7. Object Oriented Programming

In Ruby, everything is an object, and every object is an instance of a class. Classes define the behavior and attributes of objects, and objects inherit the behavior and attributes from their class.

- Everything is a class  
Example: 

```
a = "Hello"
a.class      #String
3.class      #Integer
3.14.class   #Float
true.class   #TrueClass
nil.class    #NilClass
(0..5).class  #Range
```
- Objects have methods  
Example: `3.methods`

## 8. Codeblocks

## 9. Regular Expressions