

# Enumerable Part 1?

## Let Ruby Count the Ways

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# Enumerable Documentation built in

## — Ruby Interactive - ri

```
> ri Enumerable
```

or

```
> ri -i
```

## for interactive mode

Note: You must generate docs for this to work "> rvm docs generate-ri"

# Ruby Collection Objects and Enumerable

## Definitions -

### **Collection Object** The Well Grounded Rubyist

- an object that responds to the method calls `each` or `each_entry`

### **Enumerable** Merriam-Webster

- capable of being counted  
- able to put into one-to-one correspondence with positive integers

# Ruby's Collection Objects

- **Ruby's Major Container Classes**
  - **Array**
  - **Hash**
- **Ruby's Minor Container Classes**
  - **Ranges**
  - **Sets**

# Construction of Collection Objects

- **Classes must define an each method to use Enumerable**
- **Enumerable in return gives collection-related behaviors to objects of the class.**
- **If using max, min, or sort functions must define `<=>`**
- **`<=>` Comparison operator**
  - `<, <=, ==, >=, >`

# Construction of Collection Objects

## Mixing Enumerable into Classes

```
class Bin
  include Enumerable

  def each
    # insert code here
  end

end
```

# What Enumerable gives you

- `Bin` now has ability to call any instant method in `Enumerable`

- **Another way to find `Enumerable`'s method's**

```
> Enumerable.instance_methods(false).count  
=> 48
```

```
> Enumerable.instance_methods(false).sort
```

Returns =>

# What Enumerable gives you

```
=> [:all?, :any?, :chunk, :collect, :collect_concat, :count, :cycle, :detect,  
:drop, :drop_while, :each_cons, :each_entry, :each_slice, :each_with_index,  
:each_with_object, :entries, :find, :find_all, :find_index, :first,  
:flat_map, :grep, :group_by, :include?, :inject, :lazy, :map, :max, :max_by,  
:member?, :min, :min_by, :minmax, :minmax_by, :none?, :one?, :partition,  
:reduce, :reject, :reverse_each, :select, :slice_before, :sort, :sort_by,  
:take, :take_while, :to_a, :zip]
```



# How the each method does it's job

- each must yield items, one at a time, to a code block
- Varies from class to class
- Array
  - Yields the first element, then the second, third, etc...
- Hash
  - Yields Key/Value pairs in the form of 2-element arrays

# Unlocking Enumerable in your code Example 1

```
class Rainbow
  include Enumerable
  def each
    yield "red"
    yield "orange"
    yield "yellow"
    yield "green"
    yield "blue"
    yield "indigo"
    yield "violet"
  end
end
```

# Unlocking Enumerable in your code Example 1

```
> r = Rainbow.new  
=> #<Rainbow:0x007faa69182638>  
> r.each { |color| puts "Next color: #{color}" }  
Next color: red  
Next color: orange  
Next color: yellow  
Next color: green  
Next color: blue  
Next color: indigo  
Next color: violet
```

# Enumerable Boolean Methods

— **These methods return true or false depending on certain criteria**

=> [:all?, :any?, :include?, :member?, :none?, :one?]

**NOTE:** include? and member? are synonyms

# Enumerable searching capabilities

=> [:detect, :find, :find\_all, :select]

- **find locates first element which returns true**
- **find\_all returns a new collection containing elements that match criteria**

## NOTE:

find? and detect? are synonyms

find\_all and select are synonyms

# Enumerable searching capabilities

## — find

```
> a=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

```
> a.find {|n| n > 5}
```

```
=> 6
```

## — find\_all

```
> a.find_all {|i| i > 5}
```

```
=> [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

# Enumerable element-wise operations

— Collections contain "special-status" objects here are the tools Enumerable has for those objects

=> [:drop, :first, :max, :min, :take]

**NOTE:** No general last method in Enumerable, imagine a class with an infinitely yielding each method. See Die example.

# Enumerable **element-wise** operations

## — **first**

```
> [1,2,3,4].first  
=> 1
```

```
> [4,3,2,1].first  
=> 4
```

## — **min and max**

```
> [4,3,2,1].min  
=> 1
```

```
> [4,3,2,1].max  
=> 4
```



# Enumerable **element-wise** operations

## — :take

```
> states = %w{ NJ NY CT MA VT FL }  
=> ["NJ", "NY", "CT", "MA", "VT", "FL"]  
> states.take(2)  
=> ["NJ", "NY"]
```

## — :drop

```
> states.drop(2)  
=> ["CT", "MA", "VT", "FL"]  
> states  
=> ["NJ", "NY", "CT", "MA", "VT", "FL"]
```

# Enumerable relatives of each

- Enumerable gives you other methods similar to each, these methods cycle through the entire collection and return elements from that collection.

=> [:reverse\_each, :each\_with\_index, :each\_slice, :each\_cons, :inject]

# Enumerable **relatives** of each

## **reverse\_each iterates backwards through an enumerable.**

```
> states.reverse_each {|s| puts "#{s}"}  
FL  
VT  
MA  
CT  
NY  
NJ  
=> ["NJ", "NY", "CT", "MA", "VT", "FL"]
```

**NOTE:** Do not do this on infinite iterators if you call it on the Die class it will throw ruby into an infinite loop.

# Enumerable **relatives** of each

**each\_with\_index** **this yields an extra piece of information the ordinal position of the item.**

```
> names = ["Tom", "Jerry", "Sylvester", "Tweety"]  
=> ["Tom", "Jerry", "Sylvester", "Tweety"]  
> names.each_with_index { |char, i| puts "#{i}. #{char}" }  
0. Tom  
1. Jerry  
2. Sylvester  
3. Tweety  
=> ["Tom", "Jerry", "Sylvester", "Tweety"]
```

Enumerable **relatives** of each

`each_slice` and `each_cons` **break up a collection in two different ways. The former handles each element only once, while the latter creates groupings at each element.**

## Enumerable **relatives** of each

```
> a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
=> [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
> a.each_slice(3) {|slice| p slice}
[1, 2, 3]
[4, 5, 6]
[7, 8, 9]
[10]
=> nil
```

# Enumerable **relatives** of each

```
> a.each_cons(3) {|cons| p cons}
[1, 2, 3]
[2, 3, 4]
[3, 4, 5]
[4, 5, 6]
[5, 6, 7]
[6, 7, 8]
[7, 8, 9]
[8, 9, 10]
=> nil
```

**NOTE:** So this passes to the block each consecutive subarray of size 3.

Enumerable **relatives** of each

`inject` **Combines all elements of a collection by applying an operation, specified by a block or a symbol that names a method or operator.**

**NOTE:** `inject` **synonym** for `reduce`



# Enumerable relatives of each

**This way shows you step-by-step what is happening with inject.**

```
> [1,2,3,4].inject(0) do |accumulator, number|  
>   puts "adding #{accumulator} and #{number}...#{accumulator+number}"  
>   accumulator + number  
> end  
adding 0 and 1...1  
adding 1 and 2...3  
adding 3 and 3...6  
adding 6 and 4...10  
=> 10
```

# Enumerable **relatives** of each

**This is the short hand way of doing the same thing.**

```
> [1,2,3,4].inject(0) {|acc,n| acc+n}  
=> 10
```

**This is not limited to mathematical operations.**

```
> longest = %w{ cat sheep bear }.inject do |memo, word|  
>   memo.length > word.length ? memo : word  
> end  
=> "sheep"
```

# Enumerable more great methods and ideas Part 2?

- cycle
- grep
- group\_by
- map

**Defining comparison classes  $\leq$  and  $\geq$ .**

**Deeper dive into murky waters of enumerators the next dimension in enumerability**

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# Additional Sides