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class Binding

Objects of class <u>Binding</u> encapsulate the execution context at some particular place in the code and retain this context for future use. The variables, methods, value of self, and possibly an iterator block that can be accessed in this context are all retained. <u>Binding</u> objects can be created using <u>Kernel#binding</u>, and are made available to the callback of <u>Kernel#set trace func</u> and instances of <u>TracePoint</u>.

These binding objects can be passed as the second argument of the <u>Kernel#eval</u> method, establishing an environment for the evaluation.

```
class Demo
  def initialize(n)
    @secret = n
  end
  def get_binding
    binding
  end
end

k1 = Demo.new(99)
b1 = k1.get_binding
k2 = Demo.new(-3)
b2 = k2.get_binding

eval("@secret", b1)  #=> 99
eval("@secret", b2)  #=> -3
eval("@secret")  #=> nil
```

Binding objects have no class-specific methods.

Public Instance Methods

eval(string [, filename [,lineno]]) → obj

Evaluates the Ruby expression(s) in *string*, in the *binding*'s context. If the optional *filename* and *lineno* parameters are present, they will be used when reporting syntax errors.

```
def get_binding(param)
  binding
end
b = get_binding("hello")
b.eval("param") #=> "hello"
```

local_variable_defined?(symbol) → obj

Returns true if a local variable symbol exists.

```
def foo
   a = 1
   binding.local_variable_defined?(:a) #=> true
   binding.local_variable_defined?(:b) #=> false
end
```

This method is the short version of the following code:

```
binding.eval("defined?(#{symbol}) == 'local-variable'")
```

local_variable_get(symbol) → obj

Returns the value of the local variable symbol.

```
def foo
   a = 1
   binding.local_variable_get(:a) #=> 1
   binding.local_variable_get(:b) #=> NameError
end
```

This method is the short version of the following code:

```
binding.eval("#{symbol}")
```

local_variable_set(symbol, obj) → obj

Set local variable named symbol as obj.

This method behaves similarly to the following code:

```
binding.eval("#{symbol} = #{obj}")
```

if obj can be dumped in Ruby code.

local_variables → Array

Returns the names of the binding's local variables as symbols.

```
def foo
   a = 1
   2.times do |n|
    binding.local_variables #=> [:a, :n]
   end
end
```

This method is the short version of the following code:

binding.eval("local_variables")

receiver → object

Returns the bound receiver of the binding object.

source_location → [String, Integer]

Returns the Ruby source filename and line number of the binding object.

Validate

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