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Part I

Introduction



Setup at IDA

Get access to Ruby

```
$ module add prog/ruby  
$ module initadd prog/ruby
```

Add ruby support to Emacs by editing or creating a file in your home directory called `.emacs`:

```
(nconc load-path '("/home/TDDB27/www-pub/materials/support/ruby-emacs"))  
(require 'ruby-site)
```

The text above can be copied directly from
`/home/TDDB27/www-pub/materials/support/lectures/examples/.emacs` to your own `.emacs` file.

Interpreter: Each ruby script you write should be prefixed by `#!/usr/bin/ruby -w`, to tell the system to search for ruby in the current environment (usually `/sw/ruby-1.8.5/bin/ruby`) when running from a terminal.

Ruby Shell: The interactive ruby shell `irb` can be used to try out parts of the code from within Emacs. Notice the Ruby menu when you open a Ruby file.

Ruby Documentation: Information about every class in ruby can be found using `ri`, the ruby interactive documentation system. It can also be accessed online from `ruby-lang.org`.



ri is ruby's fast helper

```
$ ri String#tr
```

String#tr

```
str.tr(from_str, to_str) => new_str
```

Returns a copy of **str** with the characters in **from_str** replaced by the corresponding characters in **to_str**. If **to_str** is shorter than **from_str**, it is padded with its last character. Both strings may use the c1-c2 notation to denote ranges of characters, and **from_str** may start with a **^**, which denotes all characters except those listed.

"hello".tr('aeiou', '*')	#=> "h*ll*"
"hello".tr('^aeiou', '*')	#=> "**e**o"
"hello".tr('el', 'ip')	#=> "hippo"
"hello".tr('a-y', 'b-z')	#=> "ifmmp"



irb can be used to try out ideas

```
$ irb --simple-prompt
>> 'hal'.tr('a-z', 'ab-z')
=> "ibm"
>> class String
>>   def rot13
>>     self.tr('a-z', 'n-za-m')
>>   end
>> end
=> nil
>> a = 'geheimer text'
=> "geheimer text"
>> b = a.rot13
=> "trurvzre grkg"
>> b.rot13
=> "geheimer text"
```



This is a must

```
1 #!/usr/bin/ruby
2
3 puts 'Hello World'
```

```
1 Hello World
```



Functions are defined using the def keyword

```
1 #!/usr/bin/ruby
2
3 def hello(programmer)
4   puts "Hello #{programmer}"
5 end
6
7 hello('Brian')
```

```
1 Hello Brian
```



In ruby everything is an object

See Chapter 3 in the course book.

Everything is an object, so get used to the “object.method” notation.

```
1 (5.6).round           » 6
2 (5.6).class           » Float
3 (5.6).round.class     » Fixnum
4
5 'a string'.length     » 8
6 'a string'.class      » String
7 'tim tells'.gsub('t', 'j') » "jim jells"
8
9 'abc'.gsub('b', 'xxx').length » 5
10
11 ['some', 'things', 'in', 'an', 'array'].length » 5
12 ['some', 'things', 'in', 'an', 'array'].reverse » ["array", "an", "in", "things", "some"]
13
14 # You can even write
15 1.+(2)                » 3
16
17 # but there is some sugar for cases like this
18 1 + 2                  » 3
```



Base Class

```
1 class Person
2   def initialize(name)
3     @name = name
4   end
5
6   def greet
7     "Hello, my name is #{@name}."
8   end
9 end
10
11 brian = Person.new('Brian')
12 puts brian.greet
```

```
1 Hello, my name is Brian.
```

Sub Class

```
13 class Matz < Person
14   def initialize
15     super('Yukihiro Matsumoto')
16   end
17 end
18
19 puts Matz.new.greet
```

```
1 Hello, my name is Yukihiro Matsumoto.
```



All normal control structures are available

Ruby is simple to read

But if you already know some programming languages, there are sure some surprises here:

```
1 def greet(*names)
2   case names.length
3   when 0
4     "How sad, nobody wants to hear my talk."
5   when 1
6     "Hello #{names}. At least one wants to hear about ruby."
7   when 2..5
8     "Hello #{names.join(', ')}. Good that all of you are interested."
9   when 6..12
10    "#{names.length} students. Thats perfect. Welcome to ruby!"
11  else
12    "Wow #{names.length} students. We'll have to find a bigger room."
13  end
14 end

15
16 puts greet('Alexander', 'Holger', 'Zyki', 'Sebastian', 'Johann', 'chenkefei',
17   'JetHoeTang', 'Matthias', 'oanapop', 'Andrei', 'Phillip')
```

```
1 11 students. Thats perfect. Welcome to ruby!
```



Ruby syntax tries to omit “noise”

```
1 # Functions are defined by the def keyword (define function)
2 # Function arguments can have default values.
3 def multi_foo(count = 3)
4   'foo ' * count
5 end                                » nil
6
7 # Brackets can be omitted, if the situation is not ambiguous
8 multi_foo(3)                       » "foo foo foo "
9 puts 'hello world'                 » nil
10
11 # Strings are written as
12 'Simple #{multi_foo(2)}'           » "Simple \#{multi_foo(2)}"
13 "Interpolated #{multi_foo}"       » "Interpolated foo foo foo "
14
15 # Numbers
16 10                                 » 10
17 0.5                               » 0.5
18 2e-4                             » 0.0002
19 0xFFFF                           » 65535
20 010                               » 8
```



Syntax: Variables, constants, methods, ...

Variables / methods: `student`, `i`, `epsilon`, `last_time`

Variables and methods look alike. This is reasonable because a variable can be substituted by a method.

Constants: `OldPerson`, `PDF_KEY`, `R2D2`

Constants can only be defined once.

Instance Variables: `@name`, `@last_time`, `@maximum`

Instance variables can only be accessed by the owning object.

Class Variables: `@@lookup_table`, `@@instance`

Class variables belong not to the instances but to the class. They exist only once for the class, and are shared by all instances.

Global Variables: `$global`, `$1`, `$count`

Usage of global variables has been declared a capital crime by the school of good design.

Symbols: `:name`, `:age`, `:Class`

Symbols are unique identifiers, that we will encounter in various places.



- ▶ Variables and methods should be written in `snake_case`
- ▶ Class Names should be written in `CamelCase`
- ▶ Constants should be written `ALL_UPPERCASE`



Exercises: Tools

irb and numbers:

Open up irb from Emacs with C-c C-s and set the variables $a = 1$, $b = 2$.

- ▶ Calculate a/b . Calculate $1.0/2.0$. Calculate 10^{200} .
- ▶ Write `require 'complex'` into irb to load the “Complex” library
Create a constant `i` set to `Complex.new(0, 1)` and calculate $(1 + 2i) \cdot (2 + 1i)$



Array

```
1 # Literal Array
2 ['An', 'array', 'with', 5, 'entries'].join(' ')    » "An array with 5 entries"
3
4 # New Array
5 a = Array.new                                     » []
6 a << 'some' << 'things' << 'appended'             » ["some", "things", "appended"]
7 a[2]                                              » "appended"
8 a[0] = 3                                          » 3
9 a                                              » [3, "things", "appended"]
10
11 # Default Values can be used ...
12 Array.new(10, 0)                                » [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
13
14 # ... but beware of the reference
15 a = Array.new(2, 'Silke')                        » ["Silke", "Silke"]
16 a[0] << 'Amberg'                                » "Silke Amberg"
17 a                                              » ["Silke Amberg", "Silke Amberg"]
```

Arrays can be used as queues, stacks, deques or simply as arrays.

```
1 print 'Array as stack: '  
2 stack = Array.new()  
3 stack.push('a')  
4 stack.push('b')  
5 stack.push('c')  
6 print stack.pop until stack.empty?  
7  
8 print "\n"  
9 print 'Array as queue: '  
10 queue = Array.new()  
11 queue.push('a').push('b').push('c')  
12 print queue.shift until queue.empty?
```

```
1 Array as stack: cba  
2 Array as queue: abc
```



Hashes are fast associative containers

1 # Literal Hash

```
2 h0 = { 'one' => 1, 'two' => 2, 'three' => 3 } » { "three"=>3, "two"=>2, "one"=>1 }
3 h0['one'] » 1
```

4

5 # Populating a hash

```
6 h1 = Hash.new » {}
7 h1['gemstone'] = 'ruby' » "ruby"
8 h1['fruit'] = 'banana' » "banana"
9 h1 » { "gemstone"=>"ruby", "fruit"=>"banana" }
```

10

11 # Often symbols are used as keys

```
12 h2 = { :june => 'perl', :july => 'ruby' } » { :june=>"perl", :july=>"ruby" }
13 h2[:july] » "ruby"
```

14

15 # But arbitrary keys are possible

```
16 a = ['Array', 1] » ["Array", 1]
17 b = ['Array', 2] » ["Array", 2]
18 h3 = { a => :a1, b => :a2 } » { ["Array", 1]=>:a1, ["Array", 2]=>:a2 }
19 h3[a] » :a1
```

Blocks and iterators

A function can take a block as an argument.

A block is a piece of code, which inherits the containing scope.

Using iterators

```
1 # A simple iterator, calling the block once for each entry in the array
2 ['i', 'am', 'a', 'banana'].each do | entry | print entry, ' ' end
```

```
1 i am a banana
```

```
1 # Another commonly used iterator. The block is called in the scope where it was
2 # created.
```

```
3 fac = 1 » 1
4 1.upto(5) do | i | fac *= i end » 1
5 fac » 120
```

```
6
7 # The result of the block can be used by the caller
```

```
8 [1,2,3,4,5].map { | entry | entry * entry } » [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

```
9
10 # and more than one argument is allowed
```

```
11 (0..100).inject(0) { | result, entry | result + entry } » 5050
```



Block Syntax

Blocks can be enclosed by `do | | ... end`.

```
1 [1,2,3,4,5].each do | e | puts e end
```

or by braces `{ | | ... }`

```
1 [1,2,3,4,5].map { | e | e * e }           » [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

A convention is to

- ▶ use `do | | ... end` wherever the side-effect is important, or there are several lines of expressions
- ▶ and braces where the return value is important, or there is only one expression.



Writing iterators

```
1 def f(count, &block)
2   value = 1
3   1.upto(count) do |i|
4     value = value * i
5     block.call(i, value)
6   end
7 end
8
9 f(5) do |i, f_i| puts "f(#{i}) = #{f_i}" end
```



Writing iterators

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5     block.call(i, value)
6   end
7 end
8
9 f(5) do |i, f_i| puts "f({i}) = #{f_i}" end
```

```
1 f(1) = 1
2 f(2) = 2
3 f(3) = 6
4 f(4) = 24
5 f(5) = 120
```



Saving the block

```
1 class Repeater
2   def initialize(&block)
3     @block = block
4     @count = 0
5   end
6
7   def repeat
8     @count += 1
9     @block.call(@count)
10  end
11 end
12
13 repeater = Repeater.new do |count| puts "You called me #{count} times" end
14 3.times do repeater.repeat end
```



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10  end
11 end
12
13 repeater = Repeater.new do |count| puts "You called me #{count} times" end
14 3.times do repeater.repeat end
```

```
1 You called me 1 times
2 You called me 2 times
3 You called me 3 times
```



Exercises: Iterators

Refer to the exercise files for exact specification of the problems.

n_times

Write an iterator function `n_times(n)` that calls the given block `n` times. Write an iterator class `Repeat` that is instantiated with a number and has a method `each` that takes a block and calls it as often as declared when creating the object.

Faculty

Write a one-liner in irb using `Range#inject` to calculate `20!`. Generalize this into a function.

Maximum

Write a function to find the longest string in an array of strings.

find_it

Write a function `find_it` that takes an array of strings and a block. The block should take two parameters and return a boolean value. The function should allow to implement `longest_string`, `shortest_string`, and other functions by changing the block.



Control Structures - Assignments

Ruby assignments.

```
1 # Every assignment returns the assigned value
2 a = 4                                » 4
3
4 # So assignments can be chained
5 a = b = 4                            » 4
6 a + b                                » 8
7
8 # and used in a test
9 file = File.open('./lect1_2.tex')    » #<File:../lect1_2.tex>
10 linecount = 0                        » 0
11 linecount += 1 while (line = file.gets) » nil
12
13 # Shortcuts
14 a += 2                                » 6
15 a = a + 2                             » 8
16 #...
17
18 # Parallel assignment
19 a, b = b, a                            » [4, 8]
20
21 # Array splitting
22 array = [1, 2]                         » [1, 2]
23 a, b = *array                          » [1, 2]
```



Control Structures - Conditionals

Ruby has all standard control structures.
And you may even write them to the right of an expression.

```
1 if (1 + 1 == 2)
2   "Like in school."
3 else
4   "What a surprise!"
5 end                                » "Like in school."
6
7 "Like in school." if (1 + 1 == 2)  » "Like in school."
8 "Surprising!" unless (1 + 1 == 2) » nil
9
10 (1 + 1 == 2) ? 'Working' : 'Defect' » "Working"
11
12 spam_probability = rand(100)      » 0
13 case spam_probability
14 when 0...10 then "Lowest probability"
15 when 10...50 then "Low probability"
16 when 50...90 then "High probability"
17 when 90...100 then "Highest probability"
18 end                                » "Lowest probability"
```



Only *nil* and *false* are false, everything else is true.

```
1 def is_true(value)
2   value ? true : false
3 end                                » nil
4
5 is_true(false)                    » false
6 is_true(nil)                      » false
7 is_true(true)                    » true
8 is_true(1)                       » true
9 is_true(0)                       » true
10 is_true([0,1,2])                 » true
11 is_true('a'..'z')               » true
12 is_true("")                      » true
13 is_true(:a_symbol)              » true
```

Join the equal rights for zero movement!



Ruby has a variety of loop constructs, but don't forget the blocks!

```
1 i = 1                » 1
2
3 while (i < 10)
4   i *= 2
5 end                  » nil
6 i                    » 16
7
8 i *= 2 while (i < 100) » nil
9 i                    » 128
10
11 begin
12   i *= 2
13 end while (i < 100)  » nil
14 i                    » 256
15
16 i *= 2 until (i >= 1000) » nil
17 i                    » 1024
18
```

```
19 loop do
20   break i if (i >= 4000)
21   i *= 2
22 end                  » 4096
23 i                    » 4096
24
25 4.times do i *= 2 end » 4
26 i                    » 65536
27
28 r = []               » []
29 for i in 0..7
30   next if i % 2 == 0
31   r << i
32 end                  » 0..7
33 r                    » [1, 3, 5, 7]
34
35 # Many things are easier with blocks:
36 (0..7).select { |i| i % 2 != 0 } » [1, 3, 5, 7]
```



Fibonacci

Write functions that calculate the fibonacci numbers using different looping constructs

$$fib(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \\ 1 & i = 1 \\ fib(i-1) + fib(i-2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

while: Implement the function using a **while** loop.

for: Implement the function using a **for** loop.

times: Implement the function using the **times** construct.

loop: Implement the function using the **loop** construct.

Iterator

Write a fibonacci iterator function.

That is a function that takes a number n and a block and calls the block with $fib(0)$, $fib(1)$, \dots $fib(n)$

Generator

Write a fibonacci generator class.

That is: A class that has a next function which on each call returns the next fibonacci number.



Part II

The dynamicity of ruby



Accessor Functions: Getting object properties

```
1 class Cell
2   def initialize
3     @state = :empty
4   end
5 end
```

```
7 class Board
8   def initialize(width, height)
9     @width = width; @height = height
10    @cells = Array.new(height) { Array.new(width) { Cell.new } }
11  end
12 end
```

Access a property

```
14 class Cell
15   def state
16     @state
17   end
18 end
```

```
20 cell = Cell.new    » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
21 cell.state          » :empty
```

Calculated property

```
50 class Board
51   def size
52     self.width * self.height
53   end
54 end
```

Shortcut

```
34 class Cell
35   attr_reader :state
36 end
```



Accessor Functions: Setting object properties

```
1 class Cell
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3     @state = :empty
4   end
5 end
```

```
7 class Board
8   def initialize(width, height)
9     @width = width; @height = height
10    @cells = Array.new(height) { Array.new(width) { Cell.new } }
11  end
12 end
```

Set a property

```
23 class Cell
24   def state=(state)
25     @state = state
26   end
27 end
```

```
29 cell = Cell.new      » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
30 cell.state            » :empty
31 cell.state = :king    » :king
32 cell.state            » :king
```

Shortcut

```
38 class Cell
39   attr_writer :state
40 end
```

Shortcut for getter and setter

```
42 class Cell
43   attr_accessor :state
44 end
```



Accessor Functions - Array-like accessors

```
1 class Cell
2   def initialize
3     @state = :empty
4   end
5 end
```

```
7 class Board
8   def initialize(width, height)
9     @width = width; @height = height
10    @cells = Array.new(height) { Array.new(width) { Cell.new } }
11  end
12 end
```

The method “`[]`” can be used to implement an array-like accessor.

```
56 class Board
57   def [](col, row)
58     @cells[col][row]
59   end
60 end
```

```
68 board = Board.new(8, 8)    » #<Board:... @height=8...>
69 board[0, 0]                 » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
70 board[0, 0] = Cell.new()    » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
```

The method “`[]=`” can be used as an array-like setter.

```
62 class Board
63   def []=(col, row, cell)
64     @cells[col][row] = cell
65   end
66 end
```

```
68 board = Board.new(8, 8)    » #<Board:... @height=8...>
69 board[0, 0]                 » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
70 board[0, 0] = Cell.new()    » #<Cell:... @state=:e...>
71 board[0, 0].state = :tower   » :tower
72 board[0, 0].state           » :tower
```

PersonName

Create a class `PersonName`, that has the following attributes

`Name` The name of the person.

`Surname` The given name of the person.

`Fullname` “#{surname} #{name}”. Add also a fullname setter function, that splits (`String::split`) the fullname into surname and name.

Person

Create a class `Person`, that has the following attributes

`Age` The person's age (in years).

`Birthdate` The person's birthdate.

`Name` A `PersonName` object.

- ▶ The person's constructor should allow to pass in name, surname and age. All optionally.
- ▶ The person's age and birth date should always be consistent. That means if I set the person's birth date, his age should change. And if I set a person's age, his birth date should change.



Classes, functions, modules can be modified at runtime.

```
25 class PersonShort < BasePerson
26   attr_accessor :name, :surname
27 end
```

`attr_accessor` is not a special language construct, but a function, that creates getter and setter functions for each argument.



You can extend existing classes

```
1 class Integer
2   def fac
3     raise "Faculty undefined for #{self}" if self < 0
4     return (1..self).inject(1) { |result, i| result * i }
5   end
6 end
7
8 puts (0..13).map { |i| i.fac }.join(', ')
```

```
1 1, 1, 2, 6, 24, 120, 720, 5040, 40320, 362880, 3628800, 39916800, 479001600, 6227020800
```



Exercises: Extension of existing classes

Fibonacci II

Extend `Integer` with a function `fib` that calculates the corresponding fibonacci number.

Shuffle

Extend `Array` with a method `shuffle` that creates a random permutation of the elements in the array.

```
1 [0,1,2,3,4,5].shuffle      » [0, 3, 4, 5, 1, 2]
2 [0,1,2,3,4,5].shuffle      » [4, 1, 0, 5, 3, 2]
3 [0,1,2,3,4,5].shuffle      » [3, 4, 2, 1, 0, 5]
```

Set

Extend `Array` with the set methods `union` and `intersect`. E.g.:

```
1 a1 = [1, 2, 3]
2 a2 = [2, 3, 4]
3 a3 = [{:c => 'a', :v => 1}, {:c => 'b', :v => 2}]
4 a4 = [{:c => 'b', :v => 2}, {:c => 'c', :v => 3}]
5 a1.intersect(a2)           » [2, 3]
6 a2.intersect(a1)           » [2, 3]
7 a1.intersect(a3)           » []
8 a3.intersect(a4)           » [{:v=>2, :c=>"b"}]
9 a1.union(a2).union(a3)      » [1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, {:v=>1, :c=>"a"}, {:v=>2, :c=>"b"}]
10 a1.intersect(a1.union(a2)) » [1, 2, 3]
```



Modules provide namespaces

```
1 module AntGame
2   class Ant
3     attr_accessor :x, :y, :direction, :next_action
4
5     def initialize(x, y)
6       @x = x; @y = y
7       @direction = :north
8       @next_action = Actions::WAIT
9     end
10  end
11
12  module Actions
13    WAIT = :wait
14    TURN_LEFT = :turn_left
15    TURN_RIGHT = :turn_right
16    GO = :go
17  end
18 end
19
20 AntGame::Ant.new(4, 5)
21 include AntGame
22 Ant.new(1, 2)
```



Modules

Modules provide controlled multiple inheritance

```
1 module Observable
2   def register(event=nil, &callback)
3     @observers ||= Hash.new
4     @observers[event] ||= []
5     @observers[event] << callback
6     self
7   end
8
9   protected
10  def signal_event(event = nil, *args)
11    @observers ||= Hash.new
12    @observers[event] ||= []
13    @observers[event].each do | callback |
14      callback.call(self, *args)
15    end
16  end
17 end
```

```
19 class Observed
20   include Observable
21
22   def foo=(a_foo)
23     signal_event(:changed, @foo, a_foo)
24     @foo = a_foo
25   end
26 end
27
28 observed = Observed.new
29 observed.register(:changed) do | o, old, new |
30   puts "#{old} -> #{new}"
31 end
32
33 observed.foo = 'Yukihiro'
34 observed.foo = 'Yukihiro Matsumoto'
35 observed.foo = 'Matz'
```

```
1 -> Yukihiro
2 Yukihiro -> Yukihiro Matsumoto
3 Yukihiro Matsumoto -> Matz
```



Modules provide controlled multiple inheritance

```
1 module Enumerable
2   def call_on_each(method)
3     each do | item | item.send(method) end
4     self
5   end
6 end                                     » nil
7
8 class Array
9   include Enumerable
10 end                                   » Array
11
12 ['i', 'am', 'a', 'banana'].call_on_each(:reverse!) » ["i", "ma", "a", "ananab"]
```



Modules

Modules provide controlled multiple inheritance

```
1  self
2  end
3  end                                » nil
4
5  class Sentence
6    include Enumerable
7
8    attr_accessor :subject, :predicate, :object
9
10   def initialize(subject, predicate, object)
11     self.subject, self.predicate, self.object = subject, predicate, object
12   end
13
14   def each
15     yield self.subject
16     yield self.predicate
17     yield self.object
18   end
19
20   def to_s() "#{self.subject} #{self.predicate} #{self.object}" end
21 end                                » nil
22
23 sentence = Sentence.new('i', 'am', 'banana') » #<Sentence:0x1096414 @subject="i", @obj
24 sentence.to_s                                » "i am banana"
```

Tree

Create a class `Treeltem` that has the following attributes:

`item` That contains the list item used.

`left` The left child of this item.

`right` The right child of this item.

`each` A function that takes a block and calls the block for each item in the subtree.

Include the module `Enumerable` into the tree item. E.g.

```
1 root = Treeltem.new("root")           » #<Treeltem:0x10b6124 @item="root">
2 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root"
3 root.left = Treeltem.new("left")      » #<Treeltem:0x10b2380 @item="left">
4 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left"
5 root.right = Treeltem.new("right")    » #<Treeltem:0x10ae4ec @item="right">
6 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left | right"
7 root.left.left = Treeltem.new("left-left") » #<Treeltem:0x10a9f00 @item="left-left">
8 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left | left-left | right"
9 root.left.right = Treeltem.new("left-right") » #<Treeltem:0x10a5810 @item="left-right">
10 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left | left-left | left-right | right"
11 root.inject(0) { | r, e | r + 1 }    » 5
```

Exercises: Modules I

Example Implementation

```
1 class Treeltem
2   attr_accessor :left, :right, :item
3   include Enumerable
4
5   def initialize(item)
6     self.item = item
7   end
8
9   def each(&block)
10    block.call(self.item)
11    left.each(&block) if left
12    right.each(&block) if right
13  end
14 end                                     » nil
15
16 root = Treeltem.new("root")           » #<Treeltem:0x10b6124 @item="root">
17 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root"
18 root.left = Treeltem.new("left")      » #<Treeltem:0x10b2380 @item="left">
19 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left"
20 root.right = Treeltem.new("right")     » #<Treeltem:0x10ae4ec @item="right">
21 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left | right"
22 root.left.left = Treeltem.new("left-left") » #<Treeltem:0x10a9f00 @item="left-left">
23 root.to_a.join(' | ')                 » "root | left | left-left | right"
```



List

Create a class `ListItem` that has the following attributes/methods:

- `item` That contains the list item used.
- `previous` The predecessor in the list. When this property is set the old and new predecessor's next property should be updated.
- `next` The successor in the list. When this property is set the old and new successor's previous should be updated.
- `each` Takes a block and calls the block for each item in the list. This should be done by following previous to the beginning of the list and then returning each item in list order.
- `insert` Inserts an item after this item into the list.

Include the module `Enumerable` into the list item, such that the following constructs work. E.g.

```

1 one = ListItem.new("one")           » #<ListItem:... @item="one">
2 one.next = ListItem.new("two")       » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
3 one.next.next = ListItem.new("three") » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
4 one.previous = ListItem.new("zero")  » #<ListItem:... @next=#<L...>
5 one.inject('List:') { |r, v| r + ' ' + v } » "List: zero one two three"
6
7 one.insert ListItem.new("one point five") » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
8 one.inject('List:') { |r, v| r + ' ' + v } » "List: zero one one point five two three"
```



```
1 require 'shortest_inspect'                » true
2
3 class ListItem
4   attr_reader :next, :previous
5   attr_accessor :item
6   include Enumerable
7
8   def initialize(item)
9     self.item = item
10  end
11
12  def next=(other)
13    return if self.next == other
14    self.next.previous = nil if self.next and (self.next.previous != self)
15    @next = other
16    self.next.previous = self if other
17    self
18  end
19
20  def previous=(other)
21    return if self.previous == other
22    self.previous.next = nil if self.previous and (self.previous.next != self)
23    @previous = other
24    self.previous.next = self if other
```



List

Create a mixin `ListItem` that extends any class with the following attributes:

- `previous_item` The predecessor in the list. When this property is set the old and new predecessor's `next_item` property should be updated.
- `next_item` The successor in the list. When this property is set the old and new successor `previous_item` property should be updated.
- `each_item` Returns each item that is in the list. This should be done by following `previous_item` to the beginning of the list and then returning each item in list order.
- `list_to_array` Returns the list as an array.

E.g.

```

1  end                                     » nil
2
3  one = ListItem.new("one")              » #<ListItem:... @item="one">
4  one.next = ListItem.new("two")         » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
5  one.next.next = ListItem.new("three") » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
6  one.previous = ListItem.new("zero")    » #<ListItem:... @next=#<L...>
7  one.inject('List:') { |r, v| r + ' ' + v } » "List: zero one two three"
8
9  one.insert ListItem.new("one point five") » #<ListItem:... @previous...>
10 one.inject('List:') { |r, v| r + ' ' + v } » "List: zero one one point five two three"

```



Part III

Regular Expressions



Regular Expressions

- ▶ Any character except `\^$|.+*?() []\{\}`, matches itself.
- ▶ `^` matches the start of a line, `$` matches the end of a line.
- ▶ `.` matches any character.
- ▶ If `a`, `b` are regular expressions, then:
 - ▶ `ab` is also a regular expression, that matches the concatenated strings.
 - ▶ `a*` is a regular expression matching the hull of `a`.
 - ▶ `a+` is equivalent to `aa*`.
 - ▶ `a|b` matches either `a` or `b`.
 - ▶ Expressions can be grouped by brackets. E.g: `(a|b)c` matches `{'ac', 'bc'}`, `a|bc` matches `{'a', 'bc'}`.
- ▶ `[characters]` Matches a range of characters. Example: `[a-zA-Z0-9]` matches the alphanumeric characters.
- ▶ `[^characters]` Matches the negation of a range of characters. Example: `[^a-zA-Z0-9]` matches all non-alphanumeric characters.
- ▶ `+`, and `*` are greedy, `+`, `*` are the non-greedy versions.
- ▶ `(?=regex)` and `(?!regex)` is positive and negative lookahead.
- ▶ There exist a couple of shortcuts for character classes. E.g. `\w = [0-9A-Za-z_]`,
`\W = [^0-9A-Za-z_]`, `\s = [\t\n\r\f]`, `\S = [^\t\n\r\f]`,

More information can be found at: <http://www.regular-expressions.info/tutorial.html>



Examples

```
1 # Simple regexps
2 /ruby/ =~ 'perls and rubys'           » 10
3 /ruby/ =~ 'complicated'              » nil
4 /b(an)*a/ =~ 'ba'                    » 0
5 /b(an)*a/ =~ 'some bananas'          » 5
6 /^b(an)*a/ =~ 'some bananas'        » nil
7 /[tj]im/ =~ 'tim'                    » 0
8 /[tj]im/ =~ 'jim'                    » 0
9 /[tj]im/ =~ 'vim'                    » nil
10
11 # Extracting matches
12 /(.*)(.*)/ =~ 'thats ruby'           » 0
13 [$1, $2]                             » ["thats", "ruby"]
14
15 # The OO way
16 re = /name: "(.*)"/                  » /name: "(.*)"/
17 mr = re.match('name: "brian"')       » #<MatchData:0x10ba094>
18 mr[1]                                » "brian"
```



Regular Expressions

Some functions

```
20 def showRE(string, regexp)
21   if regexp =~ string then "#{'$'}<#{${&}}>#{'$'}" else "no match" end
22 end                                     » nil
23
24 a = "The moon is made of cheese"      » "The moon is made of cheese"
25 showRE(a, /\w+/)                      » "<The> moon is made of cheese"
26 showRE(a, /\s.*\s/)                  » "The< moon is made of >cheese"
27 showRE(a, /\s.*?\s/)                 » "The< moon >is made of cheese"
28 showRE(a, /[aeiou]{2,99}/)           » "The m<oo>n is made of cheese"
29 showRE(a, /mo?o/)                   » "The <moo>n is made of cheese"
30
31 a = "rubys are brilliant \t gemstones" » "rubys are brilliant \t gemstones"
32 a.gsub(/[aeiou]/, '*')                » "r*bys *r* br*ll**nt \t g*mst*n*s"
33 a.gsub!(/\s+/, ' ')                  » "rubys are brilliant gemstones"
34 a.gsub(/(^|\s)\w/) { |match| match.upcase } » "Rubys Are Brilliant Gemstones"
35 a.split(/ /)                         » ["rubys", "are", "brilliant", "gemstones"]
36 a.scan(/[aeiou][^aeiou]/)            » ["ub", "ar", "e ", "il", "an", "em", "on", "es"]
37 a.scan(/[aeiou](?=[aeiou ])|
38   [^aeiou ](?=[aeiou])/x).length      » 14
39
40 File.open('/usr/share/dict/words') { |words|
41   words.select { |word| /a.*e.*i.*o.*u/ =~ word }
42 }[0..2].map { |word| word.strip }      » ["abietineous", "abstemious", "abstemiously"]
```

Simple Match

Write a regular expression that matches lines, that begin with the string "USERNAME:".

Character Classes

Write a function that extracts the tag names from a html document. E.g.

```
1 require 'open-uri.rb' » true
2 html = open("http://www.google.de/") { |f| f.read } » "<html><head><meta http-equiv='
3 tag_names(html) » [\"html\", \"head\", \"meta\", \"title\", \"style\"
```

Extract Username

Write a regular expression that extracts the username from a string of the form "USERNAME: Brian".



Documentation

The standard for documenting ruby programs is rdoc. From rdoc documentation the ri documentation and the standard library documentation is created. rdoc uses a wiki-like unobtrusive markup. E.g.

```
14 # The chat client spawns a thread that
15 # receives incoming chat messages.
16 #
17 # The client is used to
18 # * send data (#send)
19 # * get notification on incoming data
20 #   (#on_line_received)
21 #
22 # Usage:
23 # client = ChatClient.new(host, port)
24 # client.on_line_received do |line| puts line end
25 # client.listen
26 class ChatClient
27
28   # Create a new chat client that connects to the
29   # given +host+ and +port+
30   def initialize(host, port)
31     @socket = TCPSocket.new(host, port)
32     @on_receive = nil
```

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the RDoc documentation for the `ChatClient` class. The browser's address bar shows the file path `file:///home/bschroed/svn/pro/ChatClient.ruby`. The page is organized into several sections:

- Files:** A list of files including `chat_03_server.rb` and `chat_04_client.rb`.
- Classes:** A list of classes including `ChatClient`, `ChatException`, `ChatServer`, and `ClientThread`.
- Methods:** A list of methods including `add_client(ChatServer)`, `close(ChatClient)`, `distribute(ChatServer)`, and `listen(ClientThread)`.
- ChatClient (Class):** The main section for the `ChatClient` class, showing its inheritance from `Object` and its location in `chat_04_client.rb`.
- Description:** A paragraph explaining that the chat client spawns a thread to read chat messages and is used to send data and get notifications.
- Usage:** A code snippet showing how to create a new `ChatClient` instance and use its `on_line_received` callback.
- Methods:** A list of methods including `close`, `listen`, `new`, `on_line_received`, and `send`.
- Public Class methods:** A section for public class methods, showing the `new(host, port)` method.
- Public Instance methods:** A section for public instance methods, showing the `close()` method.

Unit Testing

- ▶ Unit tests are small programs, that compare the behaviour of your program against specified behaviour.
- ▶ Unit tests are collected while developing an application/library.
- ▶ Unit tests save you from breaking something with one change which you did not take into account when applying the change.

Example

```
1  #!/usr/bin/ruby -w
2
3  require 'faculty_1'
4  require 'test/unit'
5
6  class TC_Faculty < Test::Unit::TestCase
7
8    @@faculties = [[0, 1], [1, 1], [2, 2], [3, 6], [4, 24], [6, 720], [13, 6227020800]]
9
10   def test_faculty
11     @@faculties.each do | i, i_fac |
12       assert_equal(i_fac, i.fac, "#{i}.fac returned wrong value.")
13     end
14   end
15 end
```


Unit Testing - Examples

Library

```
1 class Integer
2   def fac
3     (1..self).inject(1) { | r, v | r * v }
4   end
5 end
```

Test

```
10 def test_faculty
11   @@faculties.each do | i, i_fac |
12     assert_equal(i_fac, i.fac, "#{i}.fac returned wrong value.")
13   end
14 end
```

Result of Testsuite

```
1 Loaded suite faculty_1_test_1
2 Started
3 .
4 Finished in 0.028897 seconds.
5
6 1 tests, 7 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```



Test

```
1 #!/usr/bin/ruby -w
2
3 require 'faculty_1'
4 require 'test/unit'
5
6 class TC_Faculty < Test::Unit::TestCase
7
8   @@faculties = [[0, 1], [1, 1], [2, 2], [3, 6], [4, 24], [6, 720], [13, 6227020800]]
9
10  def test_faculty
11    @@faculties.each do | i, i_fac |
12      assert_equal(i_fac, i.fac, "#{i}.fac returned wrong value.")
13    end
14  end
15
16  def test_negative
17    assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-1! should raise exception') do -1.fac end
18    assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-10! should raise exception') do -10.fac end
19    assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-111! should raise exception') do -111.fac end
20  end
21 end
```



Test

```
16 def test_negative
17   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-1! should raise exception') do -1.fac end
18   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-10! should raise exception') do -10.fac end
19   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-111! should raise exception') do -111.fac end
20 end
```

Result of Testsuite

```
1 Loaded suite faculty_2_test_1
2 Started
3 .E
4 Finished in 0.039849 seconds.
5
6 1) Error:
7 test_negative(TC_Faculty):
8 NameError: uninitialized constant TC_Faculty::ENegativeNumber
9   faculty_2_test_1.rb:17:in 'test_negative'
10
11 2 tests, 7 assertions, 0 failures, 1 errors
```



Library

```
1 class ENegativeNumber < Exception; end
2
3 class Integer
4   def fac
5     raise ENegativeNumber if self < 0
6     (1..self).inject(1) { | r, v | r * v }
7   end
8 end
```



Test

```
16 def test_negative
17   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-1! should raise exception') do -1.fac end
18   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-10! should raise exception') do -10.fac end
19   assert_raise(ENegativeNumber, '-111! should raise exception') do -111.fac end
20 end
```

Result of Testsuite

```
1 Loaded suite faculty_2_test_2
2 Started
3 ..
4 Finished in 0.011961 seconds.
5
6 2 tests, 10 assertions, 0 failures, 0 errors
```





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