## Computer Programming

Lesson 3 - Arrays

#### Review

An array is a list of items in order (like vitamins, minerals, and chocolates).

Most of the time, you will be working with arrays of database objects. Other times, you will need to make a simple array of your own.

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```
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Same array created from whitespace:

```
clues = %w(vitamins minerals chocolates)
```

Same array created in steps:

```
clues = Array.new
clues << 'vitamins'
clues << 'minerals'
clues << 'chocolates'</pre>
```

Ruby also has some shortcuts for commonly accessed attributes of an array.

```
2.0.0-p0 :004 > clues.first

=> "vitamins"

2.0.0-p0 :005 > clues.last

=> "chocolates"

2.0.0-p0 :006 > clues.length

=> 3

2.0.0-p0 :007 >
```

#### Traditional Array Iteration

```
for i in 0...length
  puts "Clue #{i} is #{clues[i]}"
end
```

```
$ ruby arrays.rb
Clue 0 is vitamins
Clue 1 is minerals
Clue 2 is chocolates
```

Ruby provides an easy way to iterate an array.

```
my_vitamins = ['b-12', 'c', 'riboflavin']
my_vitamins.each do |vitamin|
  puts "#{vitamin} is tasty!"
end
```

```
b-12 is tasty!
c is tasty!
riboflavin is tasty!
```



#### Bubble Sort

"..simple sorting algorithm that works by repeatedly stepping through the list to be sorted, comparing each pair of adjacent items and swapping them if they are in the wrong order..."

6 5 3 1 8 7 2 4

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bubble\_sort

#### Bubble Sort

toSort = 
$$[1, 5, 3, 2, 4]$$
  
expected =  $[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$ 

\*BONUS: Sort in descending order

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