

Ruby Cheat Sheet  
Part 1 - v1.0  
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modules-mixins

module name .... end , have methods and constants  
to use a module in a class use, include modulename

variables

local variable - start with lowercase or underscore, destroyed once out of scope  
variable store references to other objects

modules

module can have the same method name as the class, the first one defined gets invoked  
super - keyword, calls the same method in the parent class,  
calling super alone forwards the variables from the current to the parent  
super() calls no arg parent method and super(x,y,z..) call the precise parent method  
Modules don;t have instances  
A class can have only one superclass, but mix in any no. of modules.  
modules can be defined in classes also

scope

self - keyword used to access the current/default object, it can change based on scope  
global variables , begin with a \$ cover the entire program  
Access : public(default), private and protected  
accesslevel :method\_name, :method2

class

class classname end  
possible to reopen class and add/override methods  
instance variable begin with @ and are in lowercase  
method name can with = (equal to sign) for convinence (used for setters)  
method name can with ? (questions) for convinence (used for method that return boolean)  
initialized method is called when object is created  
properties are values that can be set or get are attributes  
attr\_reader - created reader method : attr\_reader: quantity  
attr\_writer - created writer method : attr\_writer: quantity  
attr\_accessor - created reader/writer method : attr\_accessor: quantity  
attr - creates reader and writer method(optional) : attr: quantity,[true/false]  
Class method begin with the classname.methodname. Classes are objects too!  
singleton method - a method defined for a specific instance of a object

objects

Every thing is an object  
You talk by to an object by sending a message  
true, false, nil is also an object  
use Object.new to create object

methods

parenthesis () in method is optional  
puts/print - write to stdout  
return at the end of method is not required  
- The value of last statement(expr) is the return value  
method name begin with keyword def methodName (input args,...) end  
method variable args method(\*args), method(arg1=value, args2,\*args)

syntax

underscore \_ is used in method names  
class name begins with upercase  
contants begin with upercase  
Basic object methods  
object\_id - returns the id of the object  
respond\_to - check whether a message/method is implemented  
send - send message to object  
local variable - start with lowercase or underscore, destroyed once out of scope  
variable store references to other objects  
comment begin with #

notation

# is used to refer to instance method  
. or :: is used to refer to class method  
Constants can be accessed as ClassName:CONSTANT\_NAME  
Constants can be reinitialized, ruby gives a warning  
Adding to array use the << operator e.g.  
Inhertience , ChildClass < ParentClass (< means extends)