

Class 28: Ruby (1)

Held: Monday, April 9, 2007

Summary: Today we consider the basics of the Ruby language.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Reading: whytheluckystiff - A Quick (and Hopefully Painless) Ride Through Ruby (with Cartoon Foxes); Marick - Chapter 1 of *A Little Ruby, A Lot of Objects*; and Marick - Chapter 2 of *A Little Ruby, A Lot of Objects*.

Notes:

- I'll send all of you a prototype solution to the last problem on the exam. You may not post it on the Web or share it with others.
- Don't forget the CS table at lunch today.
- I've rearranged the schedule a bit. Today we'll discuss what you've learned about Ruby from the readings. Wednesday we'll do a lab. Friday we'll consider Rails.

Overview:

- Rhetoric of Readings.
- Java Basics Reviews.
- New Ruby Features.
- Ruby Syntax.

Rhetoric of The Readings

- Tell me about the rhetorical style of these readings.
- What is it?
- Why did the authors choose this style?
- Does it support or oppose your learning styles?
- How many of you read these with a Ruby interpreter open?

Review: Basics of a Java Class

- What are the components of a Java class. How do we define one?
- Let's build a simple `BoxedInteger` class.

Comparison - Ruby vs. Java

- How do we do build the same basic components of a calss in Ruby instead of Java?

Ruby - Some New Capabilities

- What capabilities do you see in Ruby that are not in Java?