

# Ruby's Enumerable module

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# Enumerable should be familiar!

- Included by Array, Hash, Range, Set, String#chars, String#bytes, maybe ActiveRecord::Relation

`object.is_a? Enumerable`

# What is an Enumerable?

- Represents a series of objects.
- Can be lazily generated.
- Can be infinite.

# Enumerable provides methods:

#all?	#find	#minmax
#any?	#find_all	#minmax_by
#chunk	#find_index	#none?
#collect	#first	#one?
#collect_concat	#flat_map	#partition
#count	#grep	#reduce
#cycle	#group_by	#reject
#detect	#include?	#reverse_each
#drop	#inject	#select
#drop_while	#map	#slice_before
#each_cons	#max	#sort
#each_entry	#max_by	#sort_by
#each_slice	#member?	#take
#each_with_index	#min	#take_while
#each_with_object	#min_by	#to_a
#entries		#zip

Module: Enumerable (Ruby ×)

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# Enumerable

The `Enumerable` mixin provides collection classes with several traversal and searching methods, and with the ability to sort. The class must provide a method `each`, which yields successive members of the collection. If `Enumerable#max`, `min`, or `sort` is used, the objects in the collection must also implement a meaningful `<=>` operator, as these methods rely on an ordering between members of the collection.

## Public Instance Methods

**all? [ {|obj| block } ] → true or false**

Passes each element of the collection to the given block. The method returns `true` if the block never returns `false` or `nil`. If the block is not given, Ruby adds an implicit block of `{ |obj| obj }` (that is `all?` will return `true` only if none of the collection members are `false` or `nil`.)

```
%w{ant bear cat}.all? { |word| word.length >= 3}    #=> true
%w{ant bear cat}.all? { |word| word.length >= 4}    #=> false
[ nil, true, 99 ].all?                                #=> false
```

**any? [ {|obj| block } ] → true or false**

Passes each element of the collection to the given block. The method returns `true` if the block ever returns a value other than `false` or `nil`. If the block is not given, Ruby adds an implicit block of `{ |obj| obj }` (that is `any?` will return `true` if at least one of the collection members is not `false` or `nil`.)

# How to make an Enumerable

- Easy way: just make an Array
- Need to know all values ahead of time.
- Arrays can't be infinite!

# How to make an Enumerable

```
class HouseCollection
  include Enumerable
  def each
    yield house
    # ... insert complex code
    yield house
  end
end

enum = HouseCollection.new
```

# How to make an Enumerable

```
class HouseCollection
  # class writer forgot to include Enumerable
  def each
    yield house
    # ... insert complex code
    yield house
  end
end

enum = HouseCollection.new.to_enum
```

# How to make an Enumerable

```
class HouseCollection
  # class writer forgot to include Enumerable
  def each_house
    yield house
    # ... insert complex code
    yield house
  end
end

enum = HouseCollection.new.to_enum(:each_house)
```

# How to make an Enumerable

```
enum = Enumerator.new do |y|
  y << 1
  y << 10
  y << 6
end
```

- Enumerable is a module
- Enumerator is a class that includes Enumerable.

# **Example Uses of Enumerables**

# Basic use

```
enum = "a".."f"

enum.to_a      # => ["a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f"]
enum.entries  # => ["a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f"]

enum.count                  # => 6
enum.count("b")             # => 1
enum.count { |s| s <= "c" } # => 3
```

# Iteration

```
enum = 1..6
```

```
enum.each { |x| ... }
enum.each_entry { |x| ... }
# yields 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
```

```
enum.each_cons(2) { |x, next_x| ... }
# yields [1,2], [2,3], [3,4] ...
```

```
enum.each_slice(3) { |x0, x1, x2| ... }
# yields [1,2,3], [4,5,6]
```

```
enum.each_with_index { |x, index| ... }
# yields [1, 0], [2, 1], [3, 2] ...
```

```
enum.reverse_each { |x| ... }
# yields 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
```

# Iteration with #cycle

```
players = ["alex", "bob", "caterina",
           "david", "errol", "fred"]
```

```
players.cycle { |player| ... }
```

# Equivalent to:

```
while true
  players.each do |player|
    ...
  end
end
```

# Can also specify number of cycles:

```
players.cycle(3) { |player| ... }
```

# Iteration with Enumerator

```
enumerable = 1..3
```

```
enumerator = enumerable.to_enum
```

```
p enumerator.next # => 1
```

```
p enumerator.next # => 2
```

```
p enumerator.next # => 3
```

```
p enumerator.next # => StopIteration exception
```

- Enumerable is a module
- Enumerator is a class that includes Enumerable.

# Asking questions

```
enum = [2, 5, 7, 10]
```

```
enum.include?(5)          # => true
```

```
enum.member?(5)           # => true
```

```
enum.all? { |x| x < 11 }   # => true
```

```
enum.none? { |x| x > 11 }  # => true
```

```
enum.any? { |x| x > 6 }    # => true
```

```
enum.one? { |x| x.even? }  # => false
```

# Sorting

```
enum = [6, -1, 3, -4]
```

```
enum.sort    # => [-4, -1, 3, 6]
```

```
enum.min    # => -4
```

```
enum.max    # => 6
```

```
enum.minmax # => [-4, 6]
```

# Advanced sorting

```
enum = [6, -1, 3, -4]
```

```
enum.sort_by &:abs    # => [-1, 3, -4, 6]  
enum.sort_by { |x| x%10 } # => [3, 6, -4, -1]
```

#min\_by, #max\_by, and  
#minmax\_by also available!

# (Almost Always) too advanced sorting

```
countries.sort { |c1,c2| c1.code <=> c2.code }
```

```
countries.sort_by :&code
```

```
friends.sort { |a, b| arm_wrestle(a, b) }
```

#min, #max, and #minmax  
can also take a block

# Searching for one element

```
names = ["judd", "russ", "david", "paul", "ryan"]
```

```
names.find { |n| n[1] == "a" } # => "david"  
names.detect { |n| n[1] == "a" } # => "david"
```

```
names.find_index { |n| n[1] == "a" } # => 2  
names.find_index("david") # => 2
```

# Filtering by value

```
names = ["judd", "russ", "david", "paul", "ryan"]

names.select { |n| n[1] == "u" }
# => ["judd", "russ"]

names.reject { |n| n.length < 5 }
# => ["david"]

names.grep(/u/)
# => ["judd", "russ", "paul"]

[1, 4.0, nil, Object, 5].grep(Integer)
# => [1,5]
```

# Filtering by position in series

```
days = ["mon", "tue", "wed",
        "thu", "fri", "sat", "sun"]

p days.first      # => "mon"
p days.first(2)  # => ["mon", "tue"]

p days.drop(5)    # => ["sat", "sun"]
p days.drop_while { |x| x != "sat" }
# => ["sat", "sun"]

p days.take(2)   # => ["mon", "tue"]
p days.take_while { |x| x != "wed" }
# => ["mon", "tue"]
```

# Dividing into subsets: chunk

```
hand = ["7H", "AS", "KS", "JS", "9H"]

p hand.chunk{|c| c[1]}.each { |suit, cards| }
# yields "H", ["7H"]
#       "S", ["AS", "KS", JS"]
#       "H", ["9H"]
```

- Order matters; chunks are consecutive
- `nil` and `:_separator` drop the element.
- `:_alone` puts the element in its own chunk.

# Dividing into subsets: group\_by

- Order does not matter!

```
hand = ["7H", "AS", "KS", "JS", "9H"]
```

```
hand.group_by { |c| c[1] }
# => {
#   "H"=>["7H", "9H"],
#   "S"=>["AS", "KS", "JS"]
# }
```

# Dividing into subsets: partition

```
players = ["alex", "bob", "caterina",
           "david", "errol", "fred"]

teams = players.partition { |p| players.index(p).even? }
# => [ ["alex", "caterina", "errol"],
#       ["bob", "david", "fred"] ]

# Cooler way:
teams = players.partition.with_index do |p, index|
  index.even?
end
```

# Dividing into subsets: slice\_before

- Block returns “true” => start of new chunk

```
(3..11).slice_before{ |n| n%5 == 0 }.each{ |s| ... }  
# yields [3, 4]  
#      [5, 6, 7, 8, 9],  
#      [10, 11]
```

# inject (a.k.a. reduce)

- Combines all the elements together.

```
enum = 1..4
```

```
enum.inject(:+)      # 1+2+3+4 => 10
enum.inject(0.5, :*) # 0.5*1*2*3*4 => 12.0
```

```
enum.inject { |memo, x| ... }
enum.inject(initial) { |memo, x| ... }
```

# zip

- zips 2 or more enums together into one

```
team1.zip(team2) do |player1, player2|
  play_chess player1, player2
end
```

# map and flat\_map

```
require 'set'
```

```
names = Set.new ["richard hoppes"  
                "nicholas shook"]
```

```
p names.map &:upcase
```

```
# => ["RICHARD HOPPES", "NICHOLAS SHOOK"]
```

```
p names.map &:split
```

```
# => [["richard", "hoppes"], ["nicholas", "shook"]]
```

```
p names.flat_map &:split
```

```
# => ["richard", "hoppes", "nicholas", "shook"]
```

Alternate names: #collect, #collect\_concat

# Ruby 2.0: Enumerable::Lazy

- In 1.9, lots of enumerable functions return arrays => can't be lazy
- In 2.0:

```
a = [1,2,3,4,2,5].lazy.map { |x| x * 10 }.
  select { |x| x > 30 } # => no evaluation

a.to_a # => [40, 50]
```

# Fibonacci enumerator

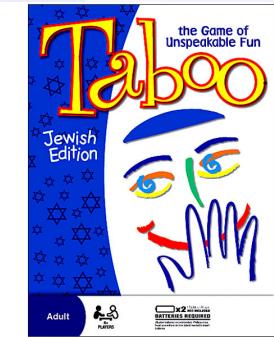
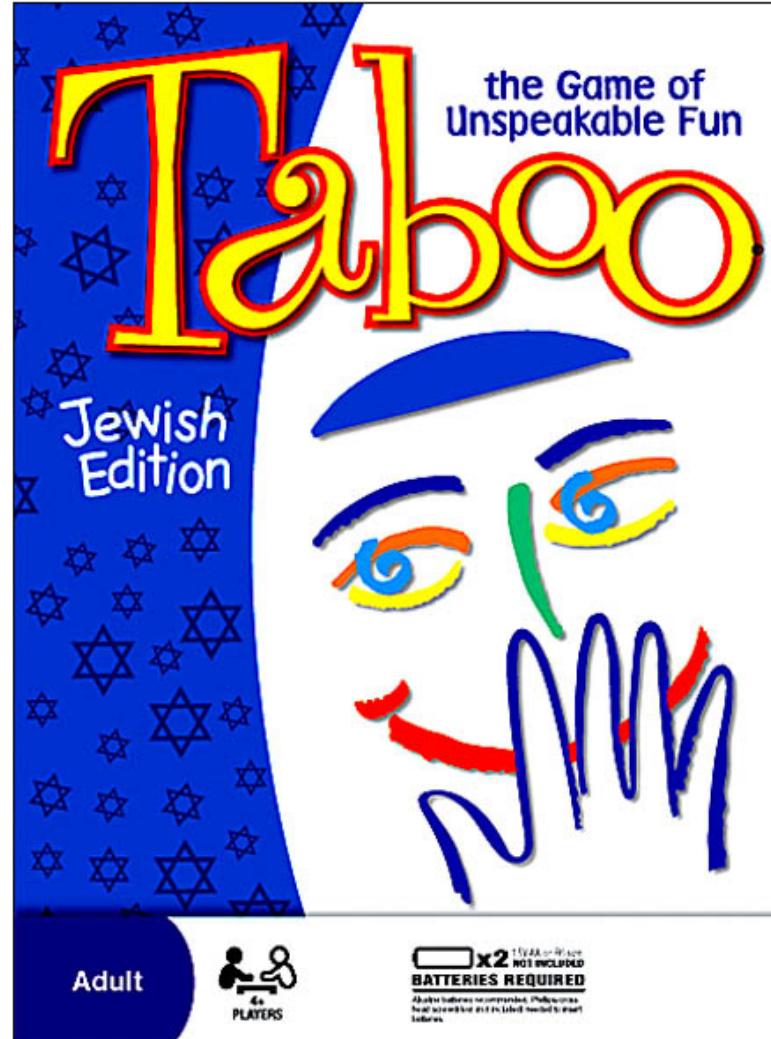
```
def fibonacci(a=0, b=1)
  return enum_for(:fibonacci,a,b) if !block_given?
  yield a
  yield b
  while true
    a, b = b, a + b
    yield b
  end
end

fibonacci.first(10)
# => [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]

fibonacci.each_cons(2) { |x, y| puts y.to_f/x }
# => approaches Golden Ratio, 1.61803399
```

# **The End**

# Taboo game



# Taboo: take turns

```
while true
  players.each do |player|
    #
  end
end
```

```
players.cycle do |player|
  #
end
```

```
players.cycle(3) do |player|
  #
end
```

# Taboo: scoring turns

```
def turn_score(player, goal_word, taboo_words)
    -1 if player said any of taboo_words!
    +1 if any of the words match goal_word
    Otherwise, 0
end
```

#all?, #none?, and #one? also available!

# Taboo: winners

```
teams = [team0, team1]
```

```
winning_team = teams.max_by &:score  
losing_team = teams.min_by &:score
```

```
losing_team, winning_team = teams.minmax_by &:score
```

```
losing_team, winning_team = teams.sort_by &:score
```

# Linked List Example

```
class Node
  attr_accessor :value, :next_node

  def initialize(value)
    @value = value
  end
end
```

# Linked List Example

```
class LinkedList
  include Enumerable
  attr_accessor :next_node    # first node of list

  def each
    n = self
    while n = n.next_node
      yield n.value
    end
  end

  def initialize(values)
    values.inject(self) do |last_node, value|
      last_node.next_node = Node.new(value)
    end
  end
end
```

# Linked List Example

```
list = LinkedList.new(1..7)
p list.count          # => 7
p list.to_a           # => [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
p list.entries        # same as #to_a
p list.inject(:+)    # => 28
```

# Fibonacci: each\_with\_index

```
fibonacci.each_with_index do |f, index|
  puts "#{index}: #{f}"
  break if f > 10
end
```

## *Output:*

```
0: 0
1: 1
2: 1
3: 2
4: 3
5: 5
6: 8
7: 13
```

# Fibonacci: each\_cons

```
fibonacci.each_cons(2) do |x, y|
  puts "%10f %2d %2d" % [y.to_f/x, x, y]
end
```

*Output:*

Inf	1	0
1.000000	1	1
2.000000	2	1
1.500000	3	2
1.666667	5	3
1.600000	8	5
1.625000	13	8
1.615385	21	13
1.619048	34	21
1.617647	55	34

...