

Inside Ruby:

An In Depth Understanding of Modules

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# Outline

Easy

Not So Easy

Best Practices

# include & methods

```
module Foo
  def say
    puts "say!"
  end

  def self.cow_say
    puts "moo"
  end
end

class Bar
  include Foo
end

b = Bar.new
b.say # "say!"
Bar.cow_say # NoMethodError
```

# instance variables

```
module Foo
  @name # nil
  def say
    puts @name
  end
end

class Bar
  include Foo

  def initialize
    @name = "Lucas"
  end
end

b = Bar.new
b.say # "Lucas"
```

```
module Foo
  def say(word)
    puts word
  end
end

class Bar
  extend Foo
end

b = Bar.say("goodbye") # goodbye
```

# Name::Spacing

```
module A
  class B
  end
end
```

```
class C
  class D < A::B
  end
end
```

```
A::B.new
C.new
C::D.new
```

```
module Contactable
  def name
    #some code
  end
  module ClassMethods
    def find(name)
      # snip
    end
  end
end

class User
  include Contactable
  extend Contactable::ClassMethods
end

u = User.find("Lucas")
u.name # => "Lucas"
```

```
module Contactable
  def self.included(klass)
    klass.extend(ClassMethods)
  end

  def name
  end

  module ClassMethods
    def find(name)
    end
  end
end

class User
  include Contactable
end

u = User.find("Lucas")
u.name # => "Lucas"
```



```
module Contactable
  attr_accessor :name
  validates_presence_of :name
  #...snip
end
```

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  include Contactable
end
```

```
# undefined method `validates_presence_of'
```

```
module Contactable
  def self.included(klass)
    klass.class_eval do
      attr_accessor :name
      validates_presence_of :name
    end
    #...snip
  end
end
```

```
class User
  include Contactable
end
```

```
u = User.new
u.valid? # false
u.name = "Lucas"
u.valid? # true
```

# Extending Instances

```
class Foo  
end
```

```
module Bar  
  def hello  
    "Hello!"  
  end  
end
```

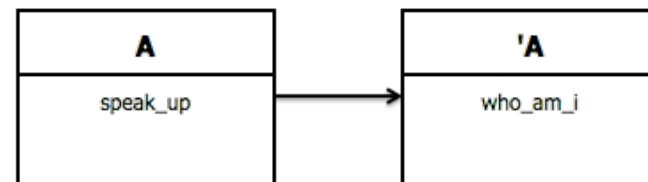
```
f = Foo.new  
f.extend(Bar)
```

```
f.hello # => "Hello!"
```

# extending your understanding of modules

```
class A
  def self.who_am_i
    puts self
  end

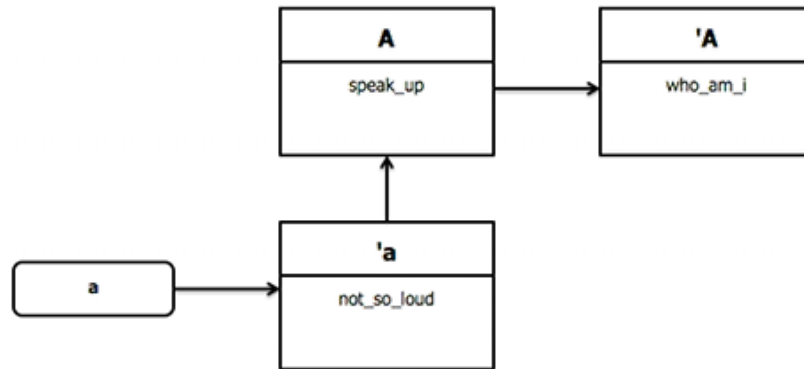
  def speak_up(input)
    puts input.upcase
  end
end
$ A.instance_methods(false) # [[:speak_up]]
$ A.singleton_methods # => [[:who_am_i]]
$ A.singleton_class # #<Class:A>
```



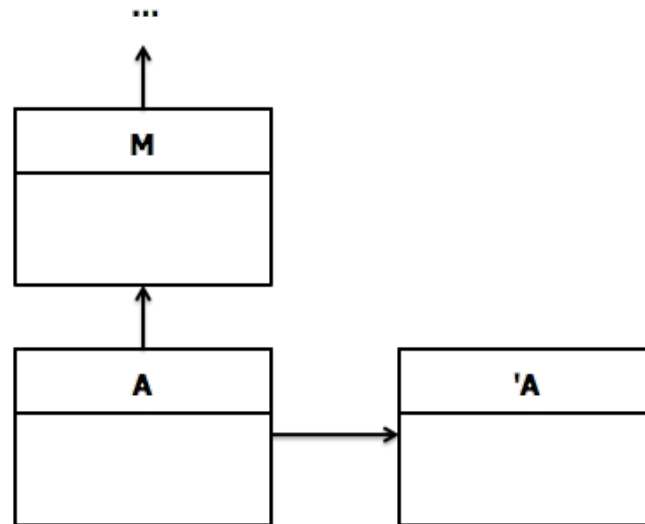
```
a = A.new
```

```
def a.not_so_loud(input)  
  puts input.downcase  
end
```

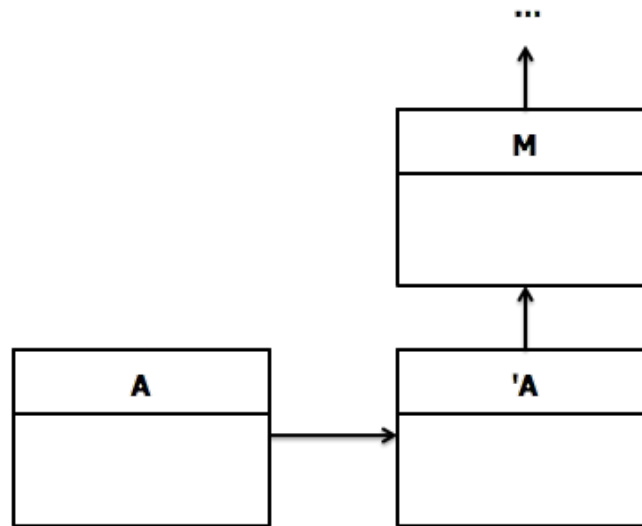
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a.singleton_methods # [[:not_so_loud]]  
a.singleton_class.superclass # A
```



*include*

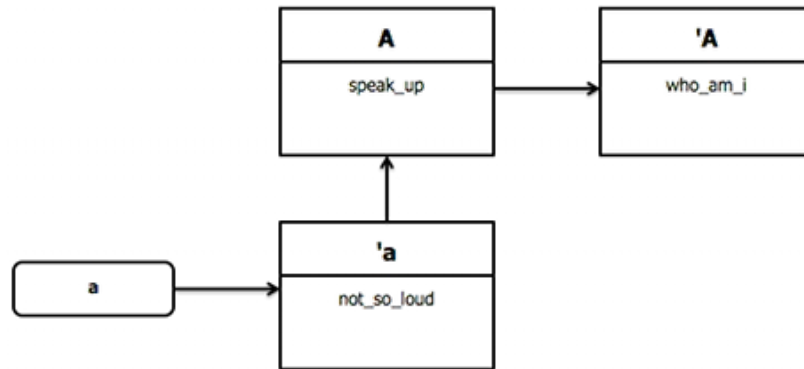


*extend*



```
module Quiet
  def not_so_loud(input)
    puts input.downcase
  end
end
```

```
a = A.new
a.extend(Quiet)
```





**Method lookup order:**

**Live Code!**

# extend self

```
module Beer
  extend self

  def drink
    puts "don't mind if I do."
  end
end
```

**self.extend(self)**

**Beer.extend(Beer)**

```
module Beer
  extend self
```

```
  def drink
  end
end
```

```
module Beer
  def self.drink
  end
end
```

# Excuse me, your scope is flat

```
#... inside another class
@data = "Luke"

module BrokenFilter
  def name
    @data
  end
end

self.working_filter = Module.new do
  define_method :name do
    @data
  end
end

class Document
  include Filter.working_filter
end
```

# Module Guidelines

Use modules for attributes, use inheritance when the objects are related

Use methods instead of instance variables

Use a thin interface between the class and included module

**:::END**

Thank you!