## Ruby master - Feature #2018

# [irb] BasicObject.new doesn't have an inspect

08/31/2009 02:43 AM - DanielBovensiepen (Daniel Bovensiepen)

Status: Closed
Priority: Normal

**Assignee:** keiju (Keiju Ishitsuka)

Target version: 2.0.0

### Description

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Using BasicObject.new in irb:

daniel@boviAir# ruby19 --version
ruby 1.9.2dev (2009-08-30 trunk 24718) [i386-darwin9.8.0]
daniel@boviAir# irb19 --version
irb 0.9.6(09/06/30)
daniel@boviAir# irb19
irb(main):001:0> BasicObject.new

Produce an Exception due to the fact that inspect doesn't exist in the BasicObject:

NoMethodError: undefined method inspect' for #<BasicObject:0x4b2738>

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/inspector.rb:84:inblock in module:IRB'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/inspector.rb:30:in call'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/inspector.rb:30:ininspect value'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/context.rb:259:in inspect last value'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:309:inoutput\_value'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:158:in block (2 levels) in eval input'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:271:insignal status'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:154:in block in eval input'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/ruby-lex.rb:244:inblock (2 levels) in each\_top\_level\_statement

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/ruby-lex.rb:230:in loop'

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from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb/ruby-lex.rb:229:in catch'

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from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:153:in eval\_input

from /Users/danielbovensie pen/Programs/ruby 19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb: 70: inblock in start' and the start of the start

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:69:in catch'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/lib/ruby/1.9.1/irb.rb:69:instart'

from /Users/danielbovensiepen/Programs/ruby19/bin/irb19:12:in `'Maybe IRB bug!!

In the attachment is a patch for catching this exception.

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### History

### #1 - 08/31/2009 02:49 AM - dblack (David Black)

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On Mon, 31 Aug 2009, Daniel Bovensiepen wrote:

Bug #2018: [irb] BasicObject.new doesn't have an inspect http://redmine.ruby-lang.org/issues/show/2018

Why is that a bug?

David

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#### #2 - 08/31/2009 02:51 AM - hongli (Hongli Lai)

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I thought the whole point of BasicObject is that it doesn't have any methods.

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#### #3 - 08/31/2009 07:36 AM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

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Hi,

In message "Re: [ruby-core:25201] Re: [Bug #2018] [irb] BasicObject.new doesn't have an inspect" on Mon, 31 Aug 2009 02:49:19 +0900, "David A. Black" dblack@rubypal.com writes:

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|> http://redmine.ruby-lang.org/issues/show/2018

Why is that a bug?

I think it's not the point. BasicObject has no method (with a few exception) by its definition. But irb should handle objects without inspect defined.

matz.

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### #4 - 08/31/2009 07:40 AM - dblack (David Black)

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On Mon, 31 Aug 2009, Yukihiro Matsumoto wrote:

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Ah, OK -- I didn't catch onto that.

Actually I really like doing:

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>> b = BasicObject.new
```

in irb when I'm teaching 1.9 -- very dramatic way to demonstrate the basicness of BasicObject :-) But I can understand that it should probably be handled more gracefully.

David

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## #5 - 09/07/2009 11:35 AM - yugui (Yuki Sonoda)

- Assignee set to keiju (Keiju Ishitsuka)

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- Target version set to 2.0.0

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It is not a bug. But I think enhancement for irb is possible. What kind of handling do you want? =end

# #6 - 09/07/2009 12:37 PM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

- Status changed from Open to Closed
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

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Applied in changeset r24779. =end

# Files

basicobject\_irb.patch 685 Bytes 08/31/2009 DanielBovensiepen (Daniel Bovensiepen)

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