## Ruby - Bug #13908

# Result of Pathname#dirname / File.dirname handling of paths with trailing File::SEPARATOR is surprising

09/16/2017 04:14 AM - davemyron (Dave Myron)

Status:	Closed		
Priority:	Normal		
Assignee:			
Target version:			
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## Description

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#### Associated revisions

#### Revision 40d117ae88c4c8f2a9134fba7ba62417425877d1 - 09/16/2017 11:50 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

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#### History

#### #1 - 09/16/2017 04:15 AM - davemyron (Dave Myron)

- Subject changed from Result of Pathname#dirname / File.dirname handling of paths with trailing slashes is surprising to Result of Pathname#dirname / File.dirname handling of paths with trailing File::SEPARATOR is surprising

#### #2 - 09/16/2017 04:15 AM - davemyron (Dave Myron)

- Description updated

#### #3 - 09/16/2017 04:16 AM - davemyron (Dave Myron)

- Description updated

#### #4 - 09/16/2017 09:13 AM - rocifier (Ryan O'Connor)

davemyron (Dave Myron) wrote:

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The path is obvious a directory.. true. However, the docs says to call the method with a filename, not a directory name. I'm not quite sure what you would be trying to achieve by calling it with just a directory name. Perhaps you intend to use Pathname.new("/some/folder/") instead?

### #5 - 09/16/2017 11:51 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk|r59933.

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