# Ruby - Bug #20790

# Syntax acceptance of `\*x = p rescue p 1` is different between parse.y and prism

10/09/2024 03:53 AM - tompng (tomoya ishida)

Status: Open
Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Target version:

**ruby -v:** ruby 3.4.0dev (2024-10-09T03:27:05Z

master ed11a244dd) +PRISM

[x86 64-linux]

Backport:

3.1: UNKNOWN, 3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3:

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#### Description

```
*x = p rescue p 1 # syntax error in prism
*x = p 1 rescue p 1 # both syntax ok
x = p rescue p 1 # both syntax error
x = p 1 rescue p 1 # both syntax ok
```

Which is correct? If x = p rescue p 1 is syntax valid, should x = p rescue p 1 also be syntax valid?

#### Related issues:

Related to Ruby - Bug #8279: Single-line rescue parsing

Closed

### History

#### #1 - 11/07/2024 08:29 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Related to Bug #8279: Single-line rescue parsing added

## #2 - 11/07/2024 10:36 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

Discussed at the dev meeting. Here is matz's preference.

```
# current parse.y behavior # matz's preference

*x = p rescue p 1 # (*x = p) rescue (p 1) # *x = (p rescue (p 1))

*x = p 1 rescue p 1 # (*x = p 1) rescue (p 1) # *x = ((p 1) rescue (p 1))

a, b = p rescue p # a, b = (p rescue p) # as is

x = p rescue p # x = (p rescue p) # as is

x = p rescue p 1 # x = (p rescue p) 1 (ERROR) # x = (p rescue p 1)

x = p 1 rescue p 1 # x = ((p 1) rescue (p 1)) # as is
```

@yui-knk (Kaneko Yuichiro) @kddnewton (Kevin Newton) What do you think?

## #3 - 11/08/2024 03:45 PM - kddnewton (Kevin Newton)

That makes sense to me, we can make that work.

# #4 - 11/25/2024 10:58 AM - ydah (Yudai Takada)

I checked if it is feasible with parse.y: https://github.com/ydah/ruby/commit/50100c136ac4bbe379b2c360994b739227610e17

I have been able to confirm that the following are feasible with the modifications shown above.

The following are still under investigation for feasibility.

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