# Ruby - Bug #7613

# An Alias for a class method inherited from the Class class is not equal to the original method

12/24/2012 06:38 AM - zhangsu (Su Zhang)

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Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Target version: 1.9.3

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Backport:

### Description

```
class Stream
  class << self
    alias_method :open, :new
  end
end

open = Stream.method(:open)
new = Stream.method(:new)
p open, new  # => #<Method: Stream.new>, #<Method: Class#new>
p open.receiver, new.receiver # => Stream, Stream
p open == new  # => false
```

Expect the last line to return true, but got false. According to the documentation for Method#==:

Two method objects are equal if they are bound to the same object and refer to the same method definition.

Here, open and new are all bound to Stream and I expect them to refer to the method definition too.

### **Associated revisions**

Revision d5a39c0aa85a705fcf360a535a278aed9116f644 - 12/28/2012 02:23 AM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)

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### History

### #1 - 12/28/2012 11:23 AM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)

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

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This issue was solved with changeset r38638. Su, thank you for reporting this issue. Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated. May Ruby be with you.

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### #2 - 12/28/2012 11:26 AM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)

zhangsu (Su Zhang) wrote:

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open == new returns false because their owners are different.

```
p [open.owner, new.owner] #=> [#<Class:Stream>, Class]
```

Two method objects are equal if they are bound to the same object and refer to the same method definition.

Here, open and new are all bound to Stream and I expect them to refer to the method definition too.

I've fixed the documentation of Method#== as follows:

Two method objects are equal if they are bound to the same object and refer to the same method definition and their owners are the same class or module.

## #3 - 12/28/2012 11:36 AM - shugo (Shugo Maeda)

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```
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```

I forgot to explain why Method#== returns false if owners are different. If owners of methods are different, the behavior of super is different in the methods, so Method#== should not return true for the methods.

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