

Ruby - Misc #21325

make ruby more middle-aged man friendly

05/10/2025 07:04 PM - pynix (Pynix wang)

Status:	Open	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:		
<div>Description</div> <p>after 35, I lose all interests about programming.</p> <p>no linux, no vim, no iterm2, and no much much.</p> <p>when I want to format a ruby time to string.</p> <p>I will try <code>Time.now.format("yy-MM-dd")</code>,</p> <p>but I get private method 'format' called for an instance of Time</p> <p>ohh, I google ruby time format,</p> <p>then I get <code>strftime</code>,</p> <p>I know this is from c standard library.</p> <p>answer me, looking my eyes. why? baby why?</p> <p>why I have to use c style method with ruby in 2025.</p> <p><code>format</code> is the first choose when we not familiar with Time class,</p> <p>so, <code>format</code> is private, so we can rename it to <code>_format</code>,</p> <p>and make <code>format</code> a copy of <code>strftime</code> and deprecate the old one,</p>		

History

#1 - 05/10/2025 07:04 PM - pynix (Pynix wang)

- Tracker changed from Bug to Misc

- Backport deleted (3.2: UNKNOWN, 3.3: UNKNOWN, 3.4: UNKNOWN)

#2 - 05/11/2025 10:27 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

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#3 - 05/11/2025 04:32 PM - pynix (Pynix wang)

nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada) wrote in [#note-2](#):

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#4 - 05/18/2025 04:06 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

pynix (Pynix wang) wrote in [#note-3](#):

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I don't say that overriding format is not ok.
Just renaming Kernel#format is not acceptable.

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Overriding to_s can be a candidate as well.