

## Ruby trunk - Feature #12963

### ?string longer than one char

11/21/2016 12:53 PM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

<b>Status:</b>	Rejected	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>	matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)	
<b>Target version:</b>		
<b>Description</b>		
Now Symbol as keyword argument is often used, but a space is required between the label and the symbol literal.		
<pre>x.round(half: :up)</pre>		
Or using a String argument,		
<pre>x.round(half: "up")</pre>		
Both don't feel nice to me.		
How about longer string literal by ?xxx, which is currently restricted to just one character?		
<pre>x.round(half: ?up)</pre>		
patch: <a href="https://github.com/nobu/ruby/tree/feature/q-string">https://github.com/nobu/ruby/tree/feature/q-string</a>		
<b>Related issues:</b>		
Related to Ruby trunk - Feature #12978: Symbol after keyword		<b>Rejected</b>

#### History

##### #1 - 11/25/2016 05:54 AM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

- Assignee set to matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)
- Status changed from Open to Feedback

Since ?up gives a string "up", it cannot be a replacement for :up symbol.  
If someone come up with an use-case for this multi-character ? string literal, I will reinvestigate.

Matz.

##### #2 - 11/25/2016 06:55 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Related to Feature #12978: Symbol after keyword added

##### #3 - 12/21/2016 08:46 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

- Status changed from Feedback to Rejected

No use case so far.