

## Ruby trunk - Feature #15261

### Expose rl\_variable\_value as Readline.variable\_value

10/27/2018 03:10 PM - graywolf (Gray Wolf)

<b>Status:</b>	Open
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
I would like to propose exposing rl_variable_value as Readline.variable_value, it would be useful in pry.	
Pull request: <a href="https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/1995">https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/1995</a>	

#### History

##### #1 - 10/29/2018 12:08 PM - shevegen (Robert A. Heiler)

I would recommend to you, if you would like to, to add your request to the next developer meeting at:

<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/15229>

It is such a small change that it may be quickly approved before the upcoming x-mas release of ruby and the developer meeting is where it may be easier to discuss functionality if necessary; or direct approval too. (I assume that the closer we are to the x-mas release, the more likely it may be for new features for ruby to be postponed into next year; for small changes such as this one here, perhaps this can be easily done before the x-mas release, though.)

I would also recommend to add or expand on the small use case describing what could be done in pry; just something short. May be useful for irb as well in the long run. (I myself use Readline a lot, so I am always happy that others make use of readline as well, from ruby. I often use Readline because it is very convenient for commandline applications written in ruby to access a history or use the up-arrow for history, so I understand use cases pertaining to it. Readline makes user input so much more convenient compared to traditional \$stdin.gets)