# Ruby master - Feature #15742

**Add Date#jisx0301 support new Japanese era**

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## Description

### Reproduce process

```ruby
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=> true
irb(main):003:0> Date.new(2019, 5, 1).jisx0301
=> "H31.05.01"
```

- ruby version: trunk

### Result of reproduce process

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### Expected result and the reason why you expect

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irb(main):003:0> Date.new(2019, 5, 1).jisx0301
=> "R01.05.01"
```

#### reason

- new era (Reiwa?) starts from 2019/05/01
- refs: [https://github.com/ruby/ruby/blob/trunk/ext/date/date_core.c#L7049](https://github.com/ruby/ruby/blob/trunk/ext/date/date_core.c#L7049)
- I can't be sure that initial letter is "R".

### Related issues:

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### Associated revisions

**Revision 320c98b4 - 04/09/2019 01:27 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)**

date: support for Reiwa, new Japanese era

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git-svn-id: svn+ssh://ci.ruby-lang.org/ruby/trunk@67474 b2dd03c8-39d4-4d8f-98ff-823fe69b080e

**Revision 67474 - 04/09/2019 01:27 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)**

date: support for Reiwa, new Japanese era

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**Revision d6387f70 - 04/13/2019 03:14 PM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)**

merge revision(s) 66745,67397,67398,67399,67400,67409,67410,67411,67412,67425,67426,67473,67474: [Backport #15742]

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git-svn-id: svn+ssh://ci.ruby-lang.org/ruby/branches/ruby_2_6@67527 b2dd03c8-39d4-4d8f-98ff-823fe69b080e

Revision 67527 - 04/13/2019 03:14 PM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)
merge revision(s) 66745,67397,67399,67400,67409,67410,67411,67412,67425,67426,67473,67474: [Backport #15742]

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History

#1 - 04/01/2019 04:21 AM - kaishuu0123 (Koki Oyatsu)
- Description updated

#2 - 04/01/2019 04:26 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)
- Status changed from Open to Feedback

Thanks, that's good to know. However, we should wait for the new revision of JIS X 0301. Could you let us know if the spec is actually revised?

#3 - 04/01/2019 04:26 AM - znz (Kazuhiro NISHIYAMA)
It seems Date.jisx0301 supports Japanese era too.

#4 - 04/01/2019 04:28 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)
- Related to Feature #15195: Deal with new Japanese era added

#5 - 04/01/2019 04:28 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)
- Blocks Bug #15740: Backport Unicode Version 12.1.0 and other Japanese new era issues to Ruby 2.6 added

#6 - 04/01/2019 04:38 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)
kaishuu0123 (Koki Oyatsu) wrote:

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I'm also not 100% sure the new letter will be "R", but given that all major Romanization methods (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hepburn_romanization, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunrei-shiki_romanization, and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nihon-shiki_romanization) use 'R' and not 'L', and "ei" and "wa" are already established from Heisei and Showa, I'd bet quite a bit that it's Reiwa and 'R', and not something else.

#7 - 04/01/2019 05:00 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)
znz (Kazuhiro NISHIYAMA) wrote:

- It seems Date.jisx0301 supports Japanese era too.
- It defaults to Heisei if no era initial letter is found.
- I guess it probably would be expected to the new era now, but it is an incompatibility of course.

#8 - 04/01/2019 05:23 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)
nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada) wrote:

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Yes, incompatibilities like this are unavoidable with a date system such as the Japanese era names.

#9 - 04/01/2019 05:38 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)
mame (Yusuke Endoh) wrote:

- Thanks, that's good to know. However, we should wait for the new revision of JIS X 0301. Could you let us know if the spec is actually revised?

It may be that the spec is revised, but this usually takes quite some time. I'd personally suggest we move ahead so that this new functionality can be used as soon as possible in Ruby.

#10 - 04/01/2019 06:09 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)
Tentative patch.
https://github.com/nobu/ruby/pull/new/feature/japanese-reiwa

#11 - 04/01/2019 06:31 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)
Considering Heisei is just 30years, omission of era can cause deadly confusions now and coming decades.
I think it should be an error, rather than assuming the latest era.

#12 - 04/01/2019 07:57 AM - kaishuu0123 (Koki Oyatsu)

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(As a premise, difficult to discard current spec.)

I was surprised that handled the omission of era in Date#jisx0301.
Because I think that it is better not to incorporate features specific to a specific country.
Basically, I think Date\#jisx0301 may be added by gem.

#13 - 04/01/2019 10:17 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

kaishuu0123 (Koki Oyatsu) wrote:

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(translated by google)

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Totally agree, but not only the particular methods, a kitchen-sink Date.parse also incorporates the feature.

#14 - 04/01/2019 10:33 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)
- Tracker changed from Misc to Feature

nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada) wrote:

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#15 - 04/01/2019 10:55 AM - duerst (Martin Dürst)

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It's a sign that the committee responsible for JIS X 0301 wasn't able to agree, or didn't have any really good idea how it would work, or both. Essentially, it's similar to the Y2K problem, except it occurs more often.

#16 - 04/01/2019 11:26 AM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada) wrote:

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describe the year 1985 as 85 for example.


I think no-era representation should also be interpreted by a mutual agreement.

In Ruby context, the agreement should be represented by the reference manual. Unfortunately, the manual is not clear.

The manual of Date.jisx0301 describes the format as just "some typical JIS X 0301 formats"
Apart from that, "truncation" is removed at ISO 8601:2004.
So, it is reasonable to consider no-era representation as legacy feature.
(I don't know the future version of JIS X 0301, though.)

My idea:
- Document Date.jisx0301 interpret no-era representation as Heisei. This is appropriate because it is a legacy feature. And this is compatible as current version.
- Support "R" for Reiwa. I think the initial letter R is almost fixed and no-one lose with it.

#17 - 04/02/2019 02:52 AM - rrroybbbean (RRRoy BBBean)
Can this be handled like thread exceptions?

Thread.abort_on_exception=true

I like this approach because it's dynamic and changes the behavior for the current runtime.

Date.japanese_era_exception=true

Or perhaps something like Firefox about:config

Runtime.thread.abort_on_exception = true
Runtime.date.japanese.era_exception = true

#18 - 04/02/2019 06:25 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)
akr (Akira Tanaka) wrote:

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describe the year 1985 as 85 for example.
(See Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_8601#Truncated_representations

It reminds me the second parameter to Time.parse:

We can change the date used to infer our missing elements by passing a second object that responds to #mon, #day and #year, such as Date, Time or DateTime.

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Good to know it.

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Patches updated.

#19 - 04/02/2019 07:41 AM - akr (Akira Tanaka)
nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada) wrote:

Maybe, we should await next JIS X 0301?

I think it is too late.
JIS X 0301 update schedule is not shown.

However, we can wait vendors such as Microsoft.
Microsoft also needs the single letter abbreviation of Reiwa.
I hope some guideline including the abbreviation will appear.

Patches updated.

You missed URL.
I found: https://github.com/nobu/ruby/tree/feature/japanese-reiwa

#20 - 04/08/2019 05:34 AM - akr (Akira Tanaka)

● OpenJDK also uses "R". https://bugs.openjdk.java.net/browse/JDK-8205432?http://hg.openjdk.java.net/jdk/jdk/rev/3d8934bf505a

#21 - 04/08/2019 11:26 PM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

akr (Akira Tanaka) wrote:

Maybe, we should await next JIS X 0301?

I think it is too late.
JIS X 0301 update schedule is not shown.

As Japanese government has claimed that only one month is enough for the transition, the new standard will be issued in this month at latest :)

#22 - 04/09/2019 01:27 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk/r67474.

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