

## Ruby master - Feature #17022

### Addition of method Kernel#Date

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<b>Status:</b>	Third Party's Issue
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
What if we have a method Kernel#Date that delegates to Date.parse? Dates could be written in a more natural way, right?	
<pre>Date("2020-01-13") - Date("2019-01-13")</pre>	
Capitalized methods are defined on the Kernel module to facilitate construction of basic types:	
<pre>Kernel.methods.grep(/^ [A-Z].*/) #=&gt; [:Rational, :Complex, :URI, :Integer, :Float, :String, :Array, :Hash, :Pathname]</pre>	
Method BigDecimal is added when the corresponding library is required:	
<pre>require 'bigdecimal' Kernel.methods.grep(/^ [A-Z].*/) #=&gt; [:Rational, :Complex, :BigDecimal, :URI, :Integer, :Float, :String, :Array, :Hash, :Pathname]</pre>	
The proposal is to do the same; when we do require 'date', a method Kernel#Date should be added.	

#### History

##### #1 - 07/11/2020 06:06 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Status changed from Open to Third Party's Issue

Please file at <https://github.com/ruby/date>.

IMHO, as Date.parse is too heuristic & magical for humans, I don't think we should encourage using it.

##### #2 - 07/11/2020 06:32 AM - sawa (Tsuyoshi Sawada)

- Description updated

##### #3 - 07/11/2020 08:01 AM - byroot (Jean Boussier)

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I agree, what about ISO-8601?