

## Ruby 1.8 - Bug #1979

### parser confused by local variable assignment

08/22/2009 10:38 AM - coatl (caleb clausen)

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| <b>Status:</b>         | Assigned                  |
| <b>Priority:</b>       | Normal                    |
| <b>Assignee:</b>       | matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto) |
| <b>Target version:</b> |                           |
| <b>ruby -v:</b>        | 1.8 and up                |

**Description**

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```
=end
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### History

#### #1 - 08/22/2009 03:18 PM - brixen (Brian Shirai)

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=begin
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Hi,

On Fri, Aug 21, 2009 at 6:39 PM, caleb clausen [redmine@ruby-lang.org](mailto:redmine@ruby-lang.org) wrote:

Bug [#1979](#): parser confused by local variable assignment  
<http://redmine.ruby-lang.org/issues/show/1979>

Author: caleb clausen  
Status: Open, Priority: Normal  
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Could you elaborate on what you get with Rubinius? I get 'nil' for the first example (assuming I'm typing this in right) and NoMethodError for 'm' in the second. Could you give a screen dump or something?

Thanks,  
Brian

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<http://redmine.ruby-lang.org>

=end

**#2 - 10/28/2009 02:42 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)**

- *Category set to core*

- *Status changed from Open to Assigned*

- *Assignee set to matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)*

=begin

=end