

Ruby master - Feature #6270

add "??a" support for "not defined?(a) or a.nil?"

04/08/2012 12:49 PM - jacksonwillis (Jackson Willis)

Status:	Rejected
Priority:	Normal
Assignee:	
Target version:	3.0
Description	
It would work like this:	
<pre>??foo #=> nil</pre>	
<pre>foo = nil</pre>	
<pre>??foo #=> nil</pre>	
<pre>foo = 3</pre>	
<pre>??foo #=> true</pre>	
Not sure if this would be useful, just a suggestion.	

History

#1 - 04/08/2012 06:45 PM - jacksonwillis (Jackson Willis)

So '??foo' is basically a macro for not defined?(foo) or foo.nil?.

#2 - 04/09/2012 01:33 AM - drbrain (Eric Hodel)

=begin

This syntax seems too similar to the ?a character string syntax

Currently ?a returns "a", so how would the parsing of this expression change:

```
true ??a:?b
```

Which currently returns "a", or:

```
question_method??a
```

Which currently parses the same as:

```
question_method? "a"
```

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=end
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#3 - 04/09/2012 08:23 AM - matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

- Status changed from Open to Rejected

As Eric pointed out, it's conflicting existing syntax. I don't reject the basic idea (though I am excited), so try again with new syntax if you really want this.

Matz.