

Ruby trunk - Feature #6731

add new method "Object.present?" as a counter to #empty?

07/14/2012 03:37 PM - rogerdpack (Roger Pack)

Status:	Rejected
Priority:	Normal
Assignee:	
Target version:	
Description	
Basically Object#present? , "An object is present if it's not #empty?" [2] or, in other words, "is there any data inside?"	
Examples:	
<pre> [].present? => false [3].present? => true ".present? => false # because it's #empty? 'a'.present? => true nil.present? => false</pre>	
Example usage:	
button.text=text if text.present? # I only care whether the text actually was set to something, and also don't want to worry about whether it's nil or not.	
Thanks.	
Basic implementation ([1]):	
<pre>class Object def present? !(respond_to?(:empty?) ? empty? : !self) end end</pre>	
[1] http://stackoverflow.com/a/4649452/32453	
[2] http://api.rubyonrails.org/classes/Object.html#method-i-present-3F they also use #blank but that's for a different feature request.	

History

#1 - 07/14/2012 03:39 PM - rogerdpack (Roger Pack)

- File present.txt added

Adding "presentation" txt file.

#2 - 07/17/2012 07:53 AM - claytrump (Clay Trump)

Hum, wouldn't this conflict with Rails? In Rails, " ".present? is falseclass Object

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def present?  
!(respond_to?(:empty?) ? empty? : !self)  
end
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end

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#3 - 07/24/2012 10:37 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Rejected

Roger Pack,

Sorry but this proposal was rejected at the developer meeting (7/21).

There are many possible definitions of "present?" depending upon contexts. It's not Ruby's decision. People should decide the definition for their context.

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Files

present.txt	868 Bytes	07/14/2012	rogerdpack (Roger Pack)
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