

Ruby trunk - Bug #7179

IO doc: wrong/misleading text for mode

10/18/2012 12:35 AM - roman-neuhauser (Roman Neuhauser)

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Priority: Normal	
Assignee:	
Target version: 1.9.3	
ruby -v: ruby 1.9.3p194 (2012-04-20 revision 35410) [x86_64-linux]	Backport:

Description

affects also 1.9.2, 1.9.1, 1.8.7

<http://www.ruby-doc.org/core-1.9.3/IO.html> makes the impression that "b" and "t" are valid on their own, when in fact they're modifiers and need to be preceded by one of the "real" modes (a, r, w, and the + variants):

If the mode is given as a String, it must be one of the values listed in the following table.

notice that "b" and "t" are among the listed values, so they're clearly permissible, right? (those "may appear" are also quite clear: "may" implies "does not need to").

Mode	Meaning
"r"	Read-only, starts at beginning of file (default mode).

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-----+-----
"r+" | Read-write, starts at beginning of file.
-----+-----
"w"  | Write-only, truncates existing file
      | to zero length or creates a new file for writing.
-----+-----
"w+" | Read-write, truncates existing file to zero length
      | or creates a new file for reading and writing.
-----+-----
"a"  | Write-only, starts at end of file if file exists,
      | otherwise creates a new file for writing.
-----+-----
"a+" | Read-write, starts at end of file if file exists,
      | otherwise creates a new file for reading and
      | writing.
-----+-----
"b"  | Binary file mode (may appear with
      | any of the key letters listed above).
      | Suppresses EOL <-> CRLF conversion on Windows. And
      | sets external encoding to ASCII-8BIT unless explicitly
      | specified.
-----+-----
"t"  | Text file mode (may appear with
      | any of the key letters listed above except "b").
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i suggest splitting the table into two and adding a bit of prose explicitly saying that "b" and "t" cannot be used on their own.

background: i found a few occurrences of `File.open(..., "b")` in code by a seasoned ruby programmer who assumed "r" was implied in this situation.

Associated revisions

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- io.c (IO#new): Documentation for IO#open modes and formatting [ruby-core#48052] [Bug #7179]

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History

#1 - 11/03/2012 01:27 PM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

- Status changed from *Open* to *Closed*

- % Done changed from 0 to 100

This issue was solved with changeset [r37443](#).

Roman, thank you for reporting this issue.

Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.

May Ruby be with you.

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