

## Ruby trunk - Feature #7712

### Add .txt extensions to all plain-text documentation files for Windows users

01/18/2013 10:08 AM - postmodern (Hal Brodigan)

<b>Status:</b>	Rejected
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Target version:</b>	2.6

#### Description

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- GPL (.txt)
- README (.txt)
- doc/ChangeLog-YARV (.txt)
- doc/pty/README (.txt)
- doc/rake/README (.rdoc)
- doc/rake/CHANGES (.rdoc)
- doc/rubygems/README (.rdoc)
- NEWS (.rdoc)
- test/rdoc/README (.txt) (only contains "you don't have to" ??)
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- README.EXT (.txt)
- symbian/README.SYMBIAN (.rdoc)
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- misc/README (.txt)
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- ext/bigdecimal/README (.txt)
- ext/gdbm/README (.txt)
- ext/racc/cparse/README (.rdoc)
- ext/ripper/README (.rdoc)
- ext/tk/sample/demos-en/README (.txt)
- ext/tk/sample/demos-en/doc.org/README.JP (.txt)
- ext/tk/sample/demos-en/doc.org/README (.txt)
- ext/tk/sample/tkextlib/tkHTML/README (.txt)
- ext/tk/sample/msgs\_tk/README (.txt)
- ext/tk/sample/msgs\_rb2/README (.txt)
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- ext/tk/lib/tkextlib/tcllib/README (.txt)
- ext/tk/lib/tkextlib/SUPPORT\_STATUS (.txt)
- ext/readline/README (.txt)

[1]; [http://www.gnu.org/prep/standards/html\\_node/Documentation.html#Documentation](http://www.gnu.org/prep/standards/html_node/Documentation.html#Documentation)

#### History

#1 - 01/19/2013 12:34 AM - trans (Thomas Sawyer)

In the case of RDoc files, perhaps it would be a good time to go a step further and move to an "industry standard" format, Markdown. I believe rdoc

tool now supports Markdown, yes?

**#2 - 01/20/2013 11:19 PM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)**

- Priority changed from Normal to 3

**#3 - 01/23/2013 11:20 PM - trans (Thomas Sawyer)**

Instead of changing the Priority to "Low" (which I suspect means "watch wither on the vine") why don't you change it to "Get'er Done"!? Postmodern has already done most the work with the list he gave, just ask him to submit the patch be done with it. If there is some deeper concern with this idea (which for a feature request is about as simple as it can get) then communicate it.

**#4 - 01/24/2013 07:48 AM - luislavena (Luis Lavena)**

Hello,

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**#5 - 01/24/2013 07:53 PM - regularfry (Alex Young)**

On 23/01/13 22:48, luislavena (Luis Lavena) wrote:

Issue [#7712](#) has been updated by luislavena (Luis Lavena).

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That assumes people only open files from within their editor. Way back when I was using Windows regularly I switched Scite in for Notepad so double-clicking a .txt opened something moderately sane. This seems like a reasonable thing to want to do, and can't work without file extensions.

This seems like a no-brainer to me.

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Alex

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<https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/7712#change-35566>

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Priority: Low

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Category: DOC

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#### #6 - 01/24/2013 09:28 PM - trans (Thomas Sawyer)

[luislavena \(Luis Lavena\)](#) The .txt extension might not be necessary, but it wouldn't hurt, yes? And in some cases it would help?

Also, there is the point of adding .rdoc to those files that are using it. Or, thinking ahead (imho), converting them to Markdown and adding .md.

#### #7 - 01/26/2013 06:35 AM - drbrain (Eric Hodel)

- Target version set to 2.6

#### #8 - 04/28/2013 07:04 AM - zzak (Zachary Scott)

- Status changed from Open to Rejected

I'm going to reject this, I agree with Luis [ruby-core:51610].