

## Ruby master - Feature #9445

### Support emitting 1.9 Symbol keyword Hash syntax when pretty printing Hashes

01/24/2014 02:16 AM - postmodern (Hal Brodigan)

<b>Status:</b>	Open	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Target version:</b>		
<b>Description</b>		
Ruby 1.9 first introduced support for keyword Hash syntax for simple Symbol keys. However, Hash#inspect and pp do not emit the same syntax when printing Symbol keys. This patch adds support for "foo: " syntax to the pp_hash method, iff the key is a Symbol and does not contain any spaces or special characters. While the patch is probably not perfect, I hope to start a discussion.		

#### History

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**#1 - 01/24/2014 05:28 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)**

Mixing foo: and bar => doesn't seem pretty to me.

**#2 - 01/24/2014 05:48 AM - postmodern (Hal Brodigan)**

While it may not be pretty, it is still valid Ruby syntax. If others disagree with mixing the two syntaxes, I can adjust the patch.

**#3 - 01/24/2014 06:01 AM - phluid61 (Matthew Kerwin)**

I think it's better to not add unnecessary complexity. After all, we don't represent strings with single quotes, even when they don't contain escaped characters, and even when they *do* contain double-quote characters.

#### Files

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pp.patch	529 Bytes	01/24/2014	postmodern (Hal Brodigan)
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