

Ruby trunk - Misc #12365

[DOC] Suggestion to change FileUtils.compare_file

05/10/2016 07:37 AM - shevegen (Robert A. Heiler)

Status:	Closed
Priority:	Normal
Assignee:	
Description	
Hello.	
The documentation at:	
http://ruby-doc.org/stdlib-2.3.1/libdoc/fileutils/rdoc/FileUtils.html#method-c-compare_file	
shows the "return" value in the second example to be:	
#=> maybe false	
I am not sure what this means, so my suggestion would be to instead, get rid of the "maybe" part there and stick just to "false". And to instead document above the method definition, under which circumstance can the second check return false, e. g. via examples or just by explanation.	
I found a return value of "maybe false" confusing.	

Associated revisions

Revision 79570422 - 03/01/2017 08:54 AM - stomar (Marcus Stollsteimer)

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History

#1 - 05/10/2016 10:12 AM - naruse (Yui NARUSE)

I think the author considered BusyBox.

Therefore it is not a good example.

I think /dev/null and /dev/random is better...

#2 - 03/01/2017 08:57 AM - stomar (Marcus Stollsteimer)

I used /dev/urandom in the example because /dev/random might block.

#3 - 03/01/2017 08:58 AM - stomar (Marcus Stollsteimer)

- *Status changed from Open to Closed*