# Ruby - Feature #11627

# make `nonzero` an alias of `nonzero?`

10/27/2015 11:00 PM - Anonymous

Status:	Assigned	
Priority:	Normal	
Assignee:	matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)	
Target version:		
Description		
for historic reasons nonzero? returns self or nil. (according to https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/9123)		
I like the expectation that method? returns true and false. That nonzero? returns only truthy/falsy values would be fine, except using its return values are <i>useful</i> .		
value.nonzero?    calculation or (a <=> b).nonzero?    a.subvalue <=> b.subvalue		
I would feel more comfortable with value.nonzero    calculation even though it is only one character different.		
Yes, it's a small thing, but I like ruby for the small things :)		
Thanks.		

### History

## #1 - 10/29/2015 01:25 PM - marcandre (Marc-Andre Lafortune)

- Assignee set to matz (Yukihiro Matsumoto)

When you say "for historic reasons nonzero? returns self or nil", it sounds like it was a mistake that can't be fixed for compatibility reason. I don't believe this to be true.

Also, do you also want Module#< and al. to be renamed?

String < Fixnum # => nil

### #2 - 12/23/2021 11:43 PM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Project changed from 14 to Ruby

#### #3 - 04/03/2024 03:50 AM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned