# Ruby - Bug #17503

# Typing an invalid percent string crashes irb

01/03/2021 11:43 AM - niconii (Nicolette Verlinden)

 Status:
 Closed

 Priority:
 Normal

 Assignee:
 Target version:

 ruby -v:
 ruby 3.0.0p0 (2020-12-25 revision 95aff21468) [x86\_64-linux]
 Backport:
 2.5: UNKNOWN, 2.6: UNKNOWN, 2.7: UNKNOWN

#### Description

- 1. Start irb.
- 2. Try typing in %abc. Keep typing in alphanumeric characters if it hasn't crashed yet.
- 3. irb crashes with the following error message:

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/usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline/unicode.rb:124:in `calculate_width': undefined method `encode' fo
r nil:NilClass (NoMethodError)
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline/line_editor.rb:1314:in `calculate_width'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline/line_editor.rb:126:in `check_multiline_prompt'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline/line_editor.rb:365:in `rerender'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:248:in `block (3 levels) in inner_readline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:246:in `each'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:246:in `block (2 levels) in inner_readline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:330:in `block in read_io'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:284:in `loop'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:284:in `read_io'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:245:in `block in inner_readline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:243:in `loop'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:243:in `inner_readline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/reline.rb:175:in `readmultiline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/forwardable.rb:238:in `readmultiline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/forwardable.rb:238:in `readmultiline'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/input-method.rb:302:in `gets'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:519:in `block (2 levels) in eval_input'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:721:in `signal_status'
        from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:518:in `block in eval_input'
        from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:202:in `lex'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:174:in `block (2 levels) in each_top_level_
statement'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:171:in `loop'
        from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:171:in `block in each_top_level_statement'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:170:in `catch'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb/ruby-lex.rb:170:in `each_top_level_statement'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:537:in `eval_input'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:472:in `block in run'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:471:in `catch'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:471:in `run'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/3.0.0/irb.rb:400:in `start'
       from /usr/local/lib/ruby/gems/3.0.0/gems/irb-1.3.0/exe/irb:11:in `<top (required)>'
        from /usr/local/bin/irb:23:in `load'
       from /usr/local/bin/irb:23:in `<main>'
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#### History

### #1 - 01/03/2021 12:15 PM - pocke (Masataka Kuwabara)

https://github.com/ruby/irb/issues/162

Probably I met the same problem and I reported it as the issue.

### #2 - 01/05/2021 06:55 PM - aycabta (aycabta .)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

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Thank you for the reporting. This is fixed by <a href="https://github.com/ruby/irb/pull/163">https://github.com/ruby/irb/pull/163</a>.

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