# Ruby - Bug #12634

# Ruby converts '\*' on command line to a file name

07/28/2016 07:37 PM - krwq (Krzysztof Wicher)

Status: Rejected

Assignee:

**Priority:** 

Target version:

**ruby -v:** ruby 2.3.1p112 (2016-04-26 revision

Normal

54768) [x64-mingw32]

Backport: 2.1: UNKNOWN, 2.2: UNKNOWN, 2.3:

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### Description

Repro:

- ruby script.rb \*
- script.rb: puts ARGV[0]

output:

expected output:

OS: Windows 10

This is annoying when passing glob as an arg. Also happens when passing anything starting with \*

### History

## #1 - 07/28/2016 07:38 PM - krwq (Krzysztof Wicher)

output is random file name (tags got removed)

## #2 - 07/28/2016 08:57 PM - avit (Andrew Vit)

This is handled by your shell before passing to ruby. Compare:

```
ruby -e 'puts ARGV.inspect' *
["file1", "file2"]
ruby -e 'puts ARGV.inspect' '*'
["*"]
```

## #3 - 07/29/2016 12:08 AM - shyouhei (Shyouhei Urabe)

Andrew, I guess this is the key part:

OS: Windows 10

So yes, ruby handles glob in pace of Unix shells on this platform. As far as I remember this is by design.

### #4 - 07/30/2016 01:10 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Status changed from Open to Closed

### #5 - 08/04/2016 08:02 AM - usa (Usaku NAKAMURA)

- Status changed from Closed to Rejected

Anyway, although on Windows, use '\*' to prevent globbing.

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