# Ruby - Bug #16736

## Prepending blank module breaks super call in aliased method

03/24/2020 02:09 PM - tycooon (Yuri Smirnov)

Status: Closed Priority: Normal

**Assignee:** jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans)

Target version:

**ruby -v:** 2.7.0p0 (2019-12-25 revision

647ee6f091) [x86\_64-darwin19]

Backport:

2.5: DONTNEED, 2.6: DONTNEED, 2.7:

**REQUIRED** 

## Description

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Here is the test script:
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```
class A
  def key
    ["some_key"]
  end
end
module M
 prepend Module.new
  def self.included(base)
    base.alias_method :base_key, :key
  end
  def key
    super + ["new_key"]
  end
  def generate
    base_key
  end
end
class B < A
  include M
end
x = B.new
p x.generate
```

## In Ruby 2.7 I get the following error:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
    2: from test.rb:28:in `<main>'
    1: from test.rb:19:in `generate'
test.rb:15:in `key': super: no superclass method `key' for #<B:0x00007fbc1704d028> (NoMethodError)
```

If I remove the prepend Module.new line or switch to Ruby 2.6, I get the expected result:

```
["some_key", "new_key"]
```

#### **Associated revisions**

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## History

#### #1 - 03/24/2020 03:25 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

According to bisect, the behavior was changed by 5069c5f5214ce68df8b3954321ad9114c5368dc3.

@jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans) Could you please check it out?

### #2 - 03/24/2020 03:25 PM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans)

#### #3 - 03/24/2020 05:30 PM - jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans)

- Backport changed from 2.5: UNKNOWN, 2.6: UNKNOWN, 2.7: UNKNOWN to 2.5: DONTNEED, 2.6: DONTNEED, 2.7: REQUIRED

This is due to the origin pointers on the module iclasses being incorrectly set to the module's origin instead of the iclass origin. Setting the origin pointers correctly requires using a stack, as the origin iclasses are created after the iclasses themselves. I already did part of the work in the prepend patch in #9573. I've merged the necessary parts of the prepend patch locally and am running tests now. Assuming no errors I'll submit a pull request.

## #4 - 03/24/2020 09:16 PM - jeremyevans0 (Jeremy Evans)

Pull request submitted: https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/2978

This includes a GC change to prevent a use-after-free, but I'm not sure if the change introduces a memory leak. Someone that knows more about GC and in what cases iclasses share method tables should probably review.

This pull request also fixes an issue in Module#included\_modules to handle origin iclasses for modules correctly.

# #5 - 05/22/2020 10:28 PM - jeremyevans (Jeremy Evans)

- Status changed from Assigned to Closed

Applied in changeset git|c745a60634260ba2080d35af6fdeaaae86fe5193.

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