# Ruby - Bug #13772

# Memory leak recycling stacks for threads in 2.4.1

07/26/2017 08:55 PM - sam.saffron (Sam Saffron)

Status: Closed

**Priority:** Normal

Assignee: ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

Target version:

ruby -v: 2.4.1 Backport: 2.2: DONTNEED, 2.3: DONTNEED, 2.4:

DONE

## Description

Per:

https://github.com/rest-client/rest-client/issues/611

# gem install rest-client

```
100000.times.each_slice(32) do |slice|
    slice.map { Thread.new { RestClient.get('echo.jsontest.com/key/value/one/two') } }.each(&:join)

GC.start(full_mark: true, immediate_sweep: true)
    slots = GC.stat[:heap_live_slots]
    puts "slots #{slots} #{i+=1} threads #{Thread.list.count}"
```

end

Causes unbound memory growth on 2.4.1, this was not the case in earlier versions of Ruby or Ruby master.

When running through heaptrack and massif-visualizer it looks like all unreclaimed allocations come from thread\_recycle\_stack

Ruby heaps do not grow during tests, all the growth is around unmanaged memory.

I feel getting this sorted is urgent, we have seen similar leaks at Discourse.

## Related issues:

Related to Ruby - Feature #12628: change block/env structs

Closed

Related to Ruby - Bug #13775: Ruby hangs when calling scope and belongs\_to ma...

Closed

## **Associated revisions**

#### Revision 92f7813ae27ca7037f9ab6e5744675c01b3fa574 - 08/02/2017 12:50 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

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# Revision 01cfae3beb0b649ca2ae879825349cf0330a3549 - 08/05/2017 06:35 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga) merge revision(s) 59462,59474: [Backport #13772]

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#### History

#### #1 - 07/27/2017 04:17 PM - sam.saffron (Sam Saffron)

OK I have a standalone repro here: https://gist.github.com/SamSaffron/f43996d5989cefbfbf69e9557ef13b23

Also impacts Ruby head

```
i = 0
def parse_param(s)
  unless block_given?
   return enum_for(__method__, s)
 end
 yield "a"
 nil
end
def parse_line(line)
 parts = parse_param(';' + line)
 parts.next
end
while i < 10_000
 Thread.new { parse_line("Content-Type:application/json; charset=ISO-8859-1") }.join
 slots = GC.stat[:heap_live_slots]
 _,rss = `ps ax -o pid,rss | grep -E "^[[:space:]]*#{$$}"`.strip.split.map(&:to_i)
 puts "slots #{slots} #{i+=1} threads #{Thread.list.count} rss #{rss}"
end
puts "done #{RUBY_VERSION}"
gets
##
  Ruby 2.3.3
  slots 19183, rss 36980
#
# Ruby 2.4.1
# slots 14448, rss 132572
# Ruby latest
# slots 13783 rss 257108
```

#### #2 - 07/27/2017 07:02 PM - sam.saffron (Sam Saffron)

Looks like ko1 broke this in #12628:

 $\underline{https://github.com/ruby/ruby/commit/9f60791a0412cae804f13ed3e746a634c7a0731b}\\$ 

just bisected it and hit this commit

## #3 - 07/31/2017 02:28 PM - sam.saffron (Sam Saffron)

On Friday I downgraded one of our clusters, this is how it looks.

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## #4 - 07/31/2017 11:59 PM - hsbt (Hiroshi SHIBATA)

- Status changed from Open to Assigned
- Assignee set to ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

## #5 - 08/01/2017 01:21 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

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- Related to Feature #12628: change block/env structs added

#### #6 - 08/01/2017 01:21 AM - nobu (Nobuyoshi Nakada)

- Related to Bug #13775: Ruby hangs when calling scope and belongs\_to many times (with mongomapper) added

#### #7 - 08/01/2017 05:08 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga)

- Backport changed from 2.2: UNKNOWN, 2.3: UNKNOWN, 2.4: UNKNOWN to 2.2: DONTNEED, 2.3: DONTNEED, 2.4: REQUIRED

I'm going to set Backport field based on the report at https://bugs.ruby-lang.org/issues/13772#note-1

#### #8 - 08/02/2017 12:50 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

- Status changed from Assigned to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk|r59462.

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#### #9 - 08/05/2017 06:35 AM - nagachika (Tomoyuki Chikanaga)

- Backport changed from 2.2: DONTNEED, 2.3: DONTNEED, 2.4: REQUIRED to 2.2: DONTNEED, 2.3: DONTNEED, 2.4: DONE

ruby\_2\_4 r59516 merged revision(s) 59462,59474.

## #10 - 09/11/2017 05:35 AM - perlun (Per Lundberg)

This bug unfortunately prevents my organization from using 2.4.1 at the moment, we will have to downgrade to 2.3.4. Is there any chance we could get a bug fix release (2.4.2) out including this fix, in the near future? We could always compile from source but it would be great if there would be an "official" fix release including this.

Thanks in advance.

## #11 - 09/14/2017 05:31 PM - jrafanie (Joe Rafaniello)

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Thanks in advance.

The fix for this issue was backported [1] and released in 2.4.2 [2]

[1] https://github.com/ruby/ruby/commit/01cfae3beb0b649ca2ae879825349cf0330a3549

[2] https://github.com/ruby/ruby/compare/v2\_4\_1...v2\_4\_2

# #12 - 09/15/2017 09:32 AM - perlun (Per Lundberg)

Thanks a lot, great news!

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